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Mystery Drone UAP Wave Chronology, Starting Nov. 2024



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This is a work in progress. Some events were compiled from a page by [Enigma Labs \(backup\)](#), and others from a [timeline by ABC News \(backup\)](#). An earlier compilation of URL's and airbase/sensitive site locations with media links is [here](#), which I'm still importing.

This was/is a very large UAP wave and it could take months to track down all the important events. I posted an OpenAI o1 pro summary of this chronology on X [here](#).

Note the wave actually seems to have began on Nov. 13, not the 18th like I originally had here, according to a “confirmed” sighting by the [Picatinny Police Department](#). (Also see December 11, 2024 below.) Multiple newspaper articles [reported Nov. 13](#).

Coincidentally, this was also the [day of the last UAP related hearing in Congress](#), with Dr. Tim Gallaudet, Luis Elizondo, Michael Gold, and Michael

Shellenberger.

Where did the UAP wave begin?

The UAP “drone” wave seems to have begun in the Morris County, NJ area, near or over the Picatinny Arsenal, and also around/near the Somerset County NJ border. The first official police sightings/reports, official statements, Police Advisories (with downed drone warnings), TFR’s, and the first video by an official (Mine Hill Mayor Sam Morris) sent to the media emerged from this area.

How many nuclear plants were reportedly overflowed by “drones” during this recent wave?

At least 3 in New Jersey, Minnesota, and Louisiana. See events below.

- Salem NJ Nuclear Power Plant
- Prairie Island Nuclear Power Plant in Red Wing (or Welch), Minn.
- Entergy’s River Bend Nuclear Power Plant in St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish, LA

Previously, in 2019, the Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant in AZ was overflowed by a “mysterious drone swarm” (or see here). Atomic energy plants in Sweden were also overflowed in Jan. 2022.

Going further back to late 2014, atomic energy plants in France and Belgium were overflowed (or see here, or here), in seemingly similar ways to modern reports:

“Drone flights were first reported over at least 13 nuclear facilities in October. The flights have taken place mostly at night, involving drones of different sizes and capability, from smaller models that would need to be operated within the immediate vicinity to larger ones around two meters in size, which could be controlled from kilometres away. Flights have been carried out both in isolation and concurrently, with drones flown simultaneously over nuclear facilities hundreds of miles apart.”

Other articles:

- 9/8/2020: “Dozens More Mystery Drone Incursions Over U.S. Nuclear Power Plants Revealed” (Forbes)

“While most of the sites were nuclear reactors, there were also three drone incursions over spent nuclear fuel storage sites, including Trojan in Oregon and Rancho Seco in California where radioactive waste is stored in steel canisters inside giant concrete casks.”

- 8/22/2024: “Germany investigating possible Russian involvement in drone flights over nuclear power plant in country’s north — Bild” (Ukrainska Pravda)

How many hours was Wright-Patterson Air Force Base’s airspace shut down?

CNN reported 4 hours. *The War Zone* also reported on the “incursions”. See the screen cap and links below.

Reports Right Before the Wave

Aug. 20, 2024

TWZ.com: “Palmdale UFO Scare Leads To Revelations About Mystery Drone Incursions Over Secretive Plant 42 — While it isn’t clear if the two are related, our investigation into the sightings has revealed that the home to Skunk Works has experienced a very concerning rash of drone incursions.”
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Number : FDC 4/9048 Download shapefiles

Issue Date : August 14, 2024 at 2100 UTC

Location : Palmdale, California near PALMDALE VORTAC (PMD)

Beginning Date and Time : Effective Immediately

Ending Date and Time : September 15, 2024 at 0659 UTC

Reason for NOTAM : Temporary flight restrictions for Special Security Reasons

Type : Security

Replaced NOTAM(s) : N/A

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Airspace Definition:

On the PALMDALE VORTAC (PMD) 248 degree radial at
Center: 1 nautical miles. (Latitude: 34°37'46"N, Longitude:
118°05'04"W)
Radius: 2 nautical miles
Altitude: From the surface up to and including 1000 feet AGL

Effective Date(s):
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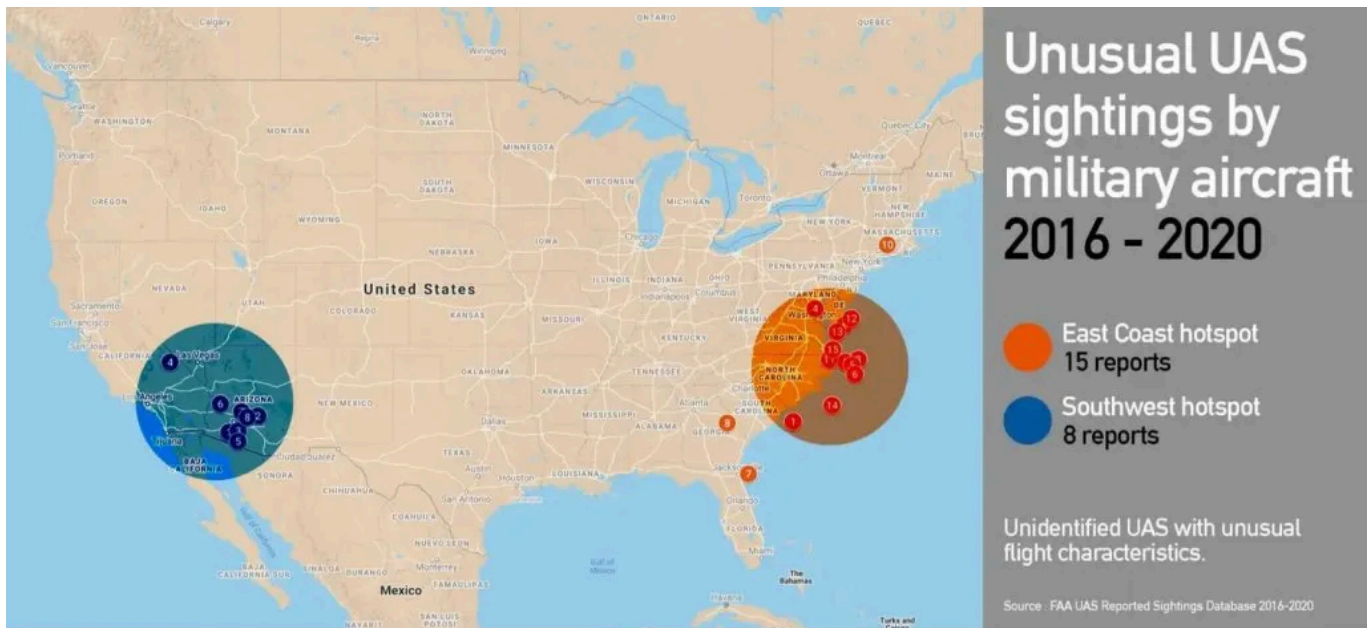
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Oct. 14, 2024:

DailyMail.com: [“Exclusive: Drone swarms targeting US military bases are operated by ‘mother ship’ UFO, claims top Pentagon official” \(backup\)](#) by Matthew Phelan, Senior Science Reporter for dailymail.com:

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On the incursions being potentially being caused by “foreign espionage platforms”:

Von Rennenkampff expressed skepticism that the objects will prove to be foreign espionage platforms, given the ostentatious, showy nature of their flights.

‘The multiple, consistent reports of bright, flashing lights and formation flying suggest that some actor — be it a drone operator or otherwise — was putting on a show of impunity, at considerable risk, over a key military facility,’ he noted.

‘If this was a foreign intelligence gathering operation,’ he continued, ‘the brazen nature of the incursions makes it some of the worst collection tradecraft imaginable.’

EXCLUSIVE Drone swarms targeting US military bases are operated by 'mother ship' UFO, claims top Pentagon official

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By [MATTHEW PHELAN](#) SENIOR SCIENCE REPORTER FOR DAILYMAIL.COM

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A retired, senior Pentagon official has confirmed that UFO 'mother ships' were spotted 'releasing swarms of smaller craft' — adding further mystery to the still-unexplained intrusions over multiple US military bases.

His statements come amid the release of 50 pages of Air Force records related to provocative 'drone' incursions, that one general calls 'Close Encounters at Langley.'

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Article summary: For at least 17 nights in December 2023, swarms of unexplained “drones” were seen buzzing the highly restricted airspace above Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. According to Air Force testimony, these noisy, flashing aircraft — often featuring red, green, and white lights — were sighted moving at high speed around 3,000 to 4,000 feet in altitude.

Larger 'Mother Ships'

Senior ex-Pentagon security official **Chris Mellon**, who served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence under both Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, confirms that these incidents are “*part of a much larger pattern affecting numerous national security installations.*” He notes that in some cases, “*‘mother ships’ have been reported — extremely fast larger vehicles that have been observed collecting or releasing swarm of smaller craft.*”

Countermeasures Falling Short

Langley Air Force Base personnel attempted to jam the signals of the mysterious craft with “dronebusters” but reported that the swarms “failed to register” on their equipment. A witness stated they were unable to use jamming technology due to losing visual contact. These baffling events prompted two weeks of emergency White House meetings and led the Air Force to relocate an entire fighter wing to another base.

NASA Steps In

NASA’s specialized WB-57F high-altitude aircraft conducted low-pass flights over Langley on December 18 and 19, 2023, using advanced infrared and optical cameras to identify the drones. However, investigators remain stumped.

Former Obama-era Pentagon appointee and columnist **Marik Von Rennenkampff** notes the ostentatious nature of the drones: “*If this was a foreign intelligence gathering operation... it is some of the worst collection tradecraft imaginable.*”

Ongoing Investigations

Officials remain uncertain whether the craft are hostile, experimental, or otherwise. **General Mark Kelly**, Commander of Air Combat Command at

Langley, has warned about the potential implications, remarking: *“What would the US do... if this happens over the National Mall?”*

General Glen VanHerck, head of North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), says he personally ordered pilots to fly close enough to gather visual details. He also recommended using advanced electronic eavesdropping equipment, subject to strict rules governing its deployment over domestic airspace.

Analysis

Experts in and out of government have noted the technological prowess displayed by these unmanned craft. Electrical engineer **John Tedesco**, affiliated with Harvard’s Galileo Project, posits that the swarms may be *“locally staged activity,”* pointing to obvious signs like engine noise, velocity, and flight patterns.

Richard Hoffman, an IT specialist at the Army’s Redstone Arsenal and co-founder of the Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies, highlights the logistical and bureaucratic hurdles in deploying effective countermeasures.

“Outside of his official duties, Hoffman is also a co-founder of the nonprofit, Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies, devoted to studying ‘unidentified aerial phenomena,’ once called UFOs. ‘It is also a concern that these drones are using frequencies not used by traditional drones,’ he said. ‘It rules out commercial drones from within the US, which are regulated.’”

Despite multiple agencies’ efforts, no conclusive explanations have emerged. Mellon emphasizes that the intrusions are *“confounding”* due to their *“brazenness, range, flight duration, reliability, resistance to countermeasures and*

indifference to detection.” As of now, the mysterious drone swarms remain an active puzzle for the U.S. defense community.

Note this article was written around one month before the UAP wave of Nov. 13, 2024 began. Interestingly, it describes objects and behaviors quite similar to the objects described by NJ residents, police, Coast Guard personnel, etc.

The Chronology:

November 13, 2024 (Wednesday)

- Location: Picatinny Arsenal
- Summary: The first known confirmed sighting by the Picatinny Police Department, as reported to local NJ papers by US Army officials.

NJ military base had 11 ‘confirmed’ mystery drone sightings, Army says

BY TINA KELLEY
NJ ADVANCE MEDIA



Picatinny Arsenal, the Army facility in Morris County, has had 11 confirmed sightings of unauthorized drones flying over its airspace in recent weeks, military officials said.

The first confirmed sighting at Picatinny witnessed by a police or security officer at the arsenal was Nov. 13, five days earlier than previously reported, Army officials said Monday. Seven other sightings remained unconfirmed, including one reported Friday at the military research and manufacturing facility in Jefferson and Rockaway Township.

“While the source and cause of these aircraft operating in our area remain unknown, we can confirm that they are not the result of any Picatinny Arsenal-related activities,” said Lt. Col. Craig A. Bonham II, Picatinny Arsenal Garrison Commander.

It is illegal to fly unauthorized drones over military bases.

The FAA added additional drone flight restrictions over Picatinny and Trump National Golf Club in Somerset County last week.

The sightings at the Army facility were among the earliest reported in a flood of drone sightings in recent weeks around the state. Residents have reported multiple drones flying over the same areas of New Jersey each night along with unusually large drones, the kind not usually used by hobbyists, over some areas.

It is unclear if the drone sightings are related. Gov. Phil Murphy and other law enforcement officials have said there is no evidence the unexplained drones pose a threat to the state. The FBI is investigating the sightings statewide, including the reports at Picatinny Arsenal.

Murphy said there were 49 reports of drone sightings statewide on Sunday, but some of those turned out to be planes mistakenly identified as drones.

Investigators were looking into the other reports.

Picatinny Arsenal released a list Monday of the dates of 18 sightings, including the 11 confirmed incidents. “Confirmed” means a police officer or security guard “visibly witnessed a drone” while or after receiving the report, military officials said.

Picatinny Arsenal’s list also includes seven “unconfirmed” reports of drones, which means a police officer received a call but was “unable to verify the object upon arriving on the scene,” Army officials said. Two of the unconfirmed reports were listed as “aircraft.”

The FBI, the lead agency in the investigation, did not immediately respond to a request to comment on the sightings at Picatinny.

The Picatinny Arsenal Police Department received the reports of the evening drone activity.

Confirmed sightings occurred Nov. 13, Nov. 16, Nov. 19, and Nov. 24, when there were two, as well as nightly between Nov. 28 and Nov. 30. There were also two confirmed sightings on Dec. 3 and one on Dec. 6.

There were two unconfirmed sightings Nov. 26, one Dec. 2, three Dec. 4, and one Dec. 6.

STATEWIDE

Ban drone flights, declare emergency, lawmaker urges

Spate of mysterious sightings has “thousands of people worried,” says state senator.

Tina Kelley For The Star-Ledger

A state senator called on Gov. Phil Murphy Tuesday to declare a limited state of emergency and ban all drones until the public receives an explanation for mysterious sightings of night-flying drones over the last month.

State Sen. Jon Bramnick, a Republican who is running for governor, said no drones should fly over New Jersey until a reason for the drone sightings is revealed.

“We got thousands of people worried about drones flying around and nobody knows why,” Bramnick, R-Union, told NJ Advance Media. “Stop all droning, especially drones the size of a Suburban.”

The governor’s office declined to comment on Bramnick’s call for banning drones.

It is unclear if New Jersey’s governor would have the authority to ground all drones. According to the FAA, which oversees airspace nationwide, “a state or local law will be preempted if it conflicts with FAA regulations.”

Murphy and other law enforcement officials have said there is no evidence the unexplained drones pose a threat to the state. The governor said that 49 drone sightings were reported on Sunday statewide, but some of those turned out to be planes mistakenly identified as drones.

The FBI is investigating the sightings statewide, and it is unclear if they are related.

Drones were reported over the state’s largest reservoir and disrupted a medevac helicopter landing in Somerset County, local officials said.

The wave of reports has led to heightened restrictions on drone flights over Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster and the U.S. Army’s Picatinny Arsenal in Morris County, which reported 11 confirmed sightings since Nov. 13. Seven other sightings there remained unconfirmed, including one reported Friday at the military research and manufacturing facility in Jefferson and Rockaway Township.

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It is illegal to fly unauthorized drones over military bases.

At Naval Weapons Station Earle in Colts Neck, officials said they are actively monitoring the drone sightings.

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Confirmed/unconfirmed sighting dates were also posted on X (backup) by reporter Katie Corrado, Dec. 12, 2024:



Katie Corrado
@KatieCorradoTV



I am genuinely trying to understand the DHS/FBI claim that there have been no reported or confirmed drone sightings in restricted airspace when I have emails from Picatinny Arsenal and Naval Weapons Station Earle confirming the opposite. [@DHSgov](#) [@FBI](#)

reports where a police officer received a call but was unable to verify the object upon arriving on the scene.

13-Nov-24	Confirmed
18-Nov-24	Confirmed
19-Nov-24	Confirmed
24-Nov-24	Confirmed
24-Nov-24	Confirmed
26-Nov-24	Unconfirmed
26-Nov-24	Unconfirmed
28-Nov-24	Confirmed
29-Nov-24	Confirmed
30-Nov-24	Confirmed
2-Dec-24	Unconfirmed
3-Dec-24	Confirmed
3-Dec-24	Confirmed
4-Dec-24	Unconfirmed
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Request

Hi Katie,
Sorry for the late reply. Updated statement follows.

" Naval Weapons Station Earle is aware of the recent reports of drone sightings across New Jersey and continues to closely coordinate with federal and state agencies to ensure the safety of our personnel and operations. While no direct threats to the installation have been identified, we can confirm at least two instances of an unidentified drone entering the airspace above Naval Weapons Station Earle. The base remains prepared to respond to any potential risks, leveraging robust security measures and advanced detection capabilities. We encourage members of the community to report any suspicious activity near the base to local law

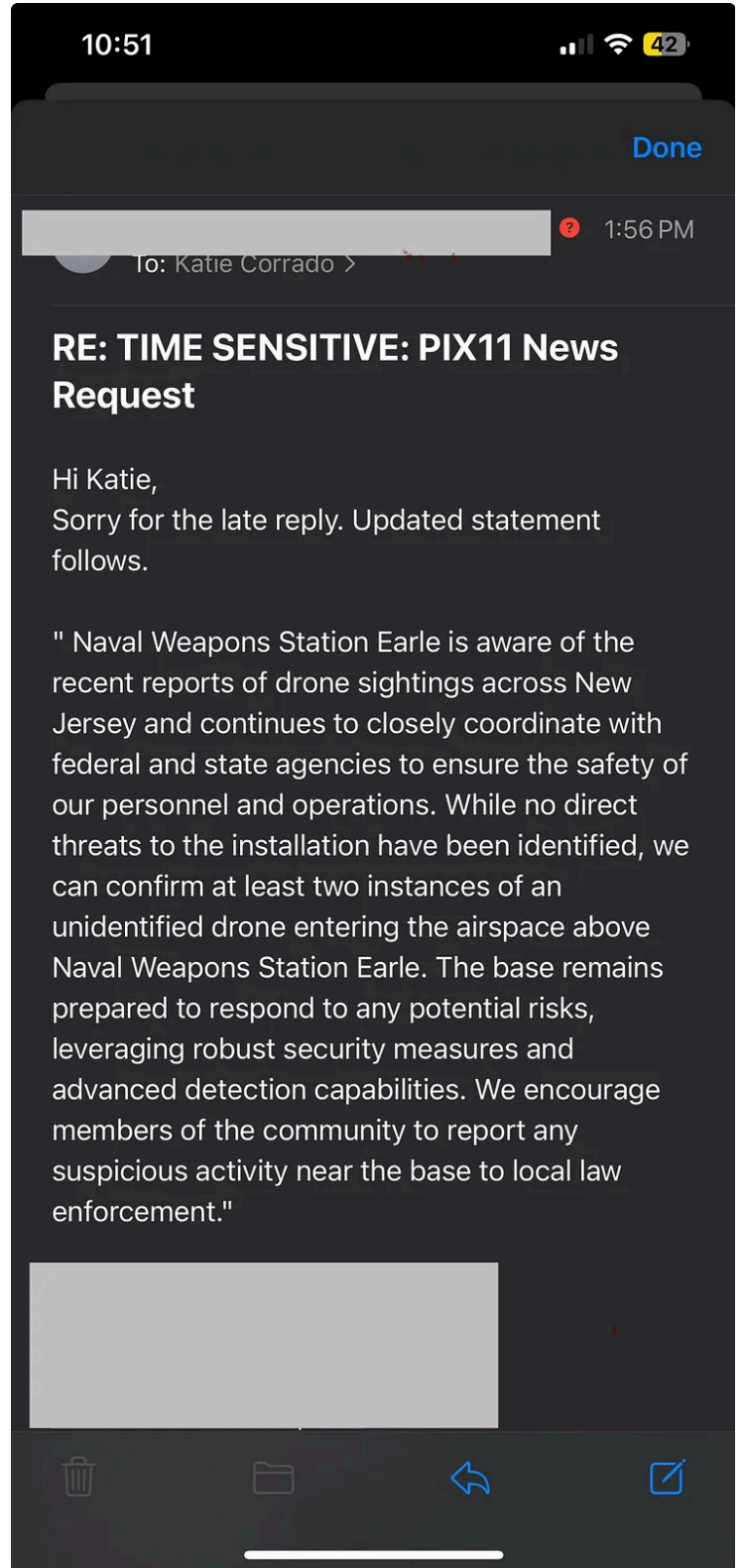
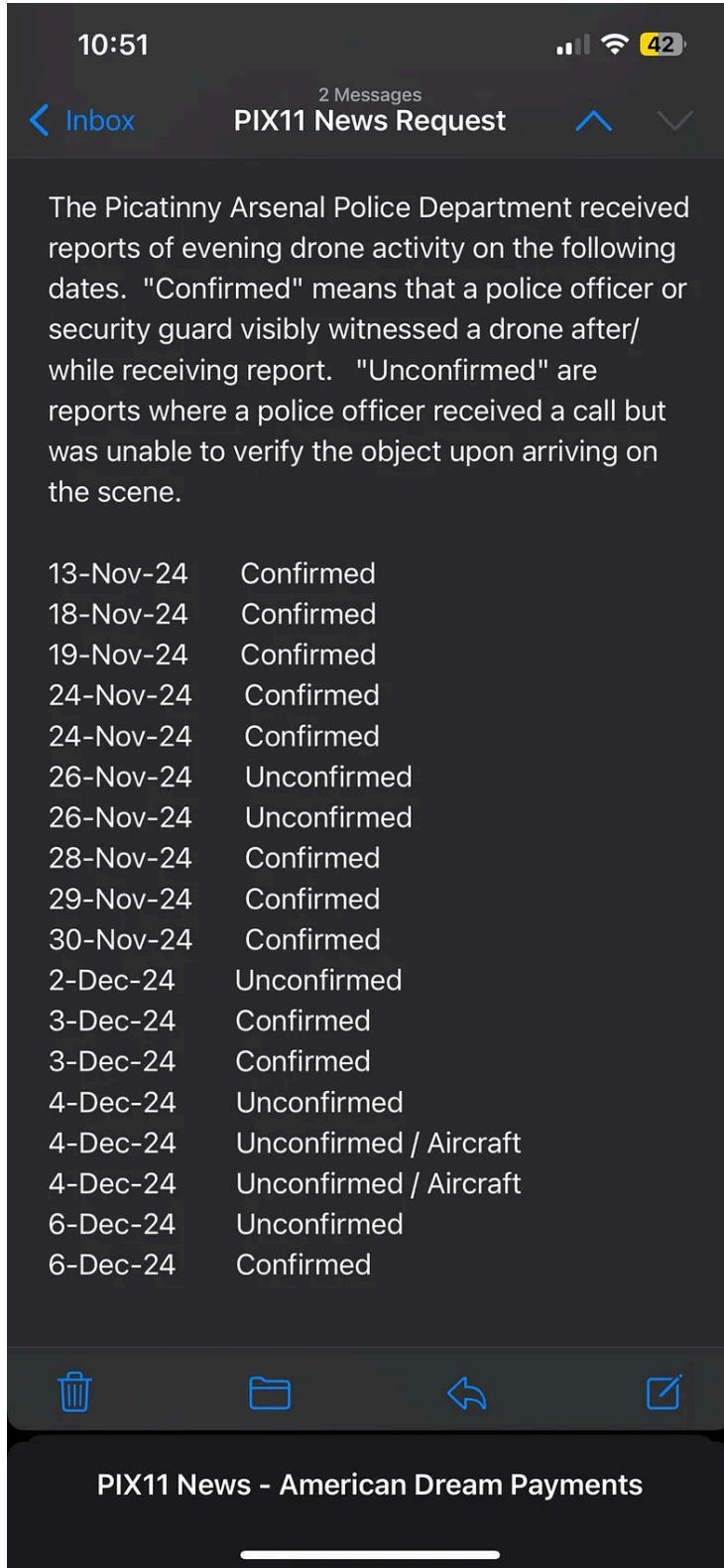
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Seattle Times:

By [Michael Wilson](#), [Tracey Tully](#) and [Alyce McFadden](#)

The New York Times

It was a dry and cool Wednesday evening outside the Army's Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey, a longtime military installation that once made the bombs and shells that led to victory in World War II. A contractor there knocked off work and decided to wait out rush-hour traffic. He picked up some takeout from Wawa, parked outside a nearby wildlife preserve and settled in to watch an episode of Joe Rogan's podcast on his phone. Then he saw a flash in the side mirror.

A light rising straight up from the tree line and toward the arsenal. He started recording. Could it have been a plane?

Or was it a drone?

And so began what seems to be the origin story of the ongoing drone saga. The contractor called in his sighting to his superiors Nov. 13, and others followed quickly, first throughout the county, then the rest of New Jersey, then into neighboring states.

Countless people have reported mysterious hovering objects dotting the night skies and posted blurred images — a white light, a black background — on social media. Every day, for weeks. Drones. Drones?

Small drones. Drones big as vans. Blinking, stationary, speeding and zipping and buzzing.

- Source: Local NJ newspapers: [here](#) and [here](#), or the [Daily Record \(backup\)](#), [X post \(backup\)](#), [Seattle Times \(backup\)](#)

November 18, 2024 (Monday)

- **Location(s):** Morris and Somerset counties, New Jersey
- **Summary:** Residents begin reporting the first instances of large, unidentified drones operating during nighttime hours.
- **Key Details:** This was previously one of the earliest noted dates of the drone sightings.

November 18, 2024 (Monday)

- **Location:** Morristown, NJ, Morris County NJ, Somerset County NJ border
- **Summary:** N. Jerzy Fire Alert X account (“Fire/PD/Weather Breaking News. Specializing in N. Jersey, as well as National News”) posted “Unusual activity reported over Morris County, NJ: multiple large drones spotted flying from the Somerset County border northward and back. Law enforcement has been advised to notify their communications centers of any sightings. Photo taken in Morristown (Josh Wolfson)”. A video by Scott Lerner was also posted.



- Source: [X Post \(Backup\)](#), also see [these posts](#) from the same day/account

November 18/19, 2024 (Monday-Tuesday)

- **Location:** Morris County, New Jersey
- **Summary:** The Morris County Prosecutor's Office (MCPO) says drone activity was observed by law enforcement on patrol. In response to numerous social media videos, MCPO assures the public there is "no known threat to public safety."

"Morris County Prosecutor Robert J. Carroll, Chief of Detectives Robert McNally, Morris County Sheriff James M. Gannon, Morris Plains Police Chief / Morris County Police Chief's Association President Michael Koroski, and the Morris County Office of Emergency Management issue a joint public statement on recent drone activity observed in Morris County:

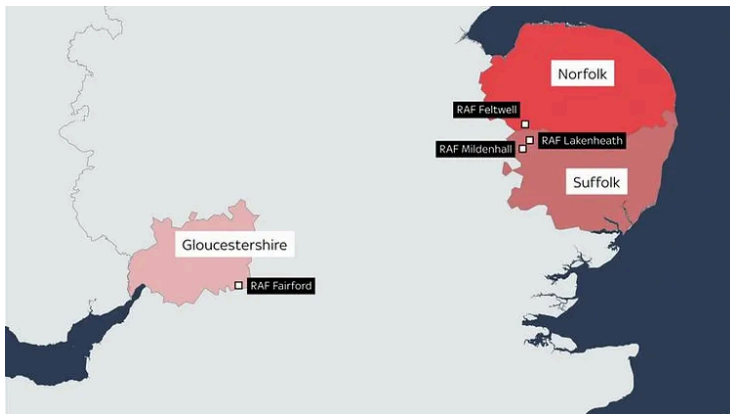
Last night, November 18, 2024, drone activity was observed by law enforcement members on patrol in Morris County."

- **Key Individuals/Details:** [Morris County Prosecutor's Office statement \(backup\)](#)

Starting November 20, 2024 (Wednesday)

- **Locations:** 4 UK air bases used by U.S. forces: RAF Lakenheath, RAF Mildenhall, RAF Feltwell bases in southeast England, about 2 hours north of London. The fourth base, RAF Fairford in Gloucestershire, is around 150 miles southwest of the other facilities.
- **Summary:** “Drones spotted over military bases in the U.K. that are used by the US... The U.K.’s Civil Aviation Authority has also imposed restrictions around the bases’ airspace, a U.K defense minister told Parliament... “The bottom line is it’s something that we’re going to take seriously,” Pentagon spokesman Maj. Gen. Pat Ryder said.”

“Around 60 British troops, including counter-drone specialists, have also been deployed to help defend the bases.”



- Source: [BBC \(backup\)](#), [Sky News \(backup\)](#), [Sky News \(backup\)](#)

November 21, 2024 (Thursday)

- Location: Morris County NJ, Picatinny Arsenal

- Summary: “Police investigating drones flying over towns at night” by Jeff Goldman

MORRIS COUNTY

Police investigating drones flying over towns at night

Federal and local authorities are investigating multiple drones seen flying over Morris County on Monday night.

“There is no known threat to public safety,” according to a joint statement released by the Morris County Prosecutor’s Office. Authorities didn’t say if they know who was operating the drones or why they were overhead.

“The Morris County Prosecutor’s Office, Morris County Sheriff’s Office, Morris County Office of Emergency Management, Morris County municipal police departments, along with our federal and state law enforcement partners, are aware of this activity, and will continue to coordinate, monitor and investigate the drone activity,” the statement said. “This joint statement is being issued in response to rumors about the drone activity spreading on social media. We encourage the public to be mindful that what they read online may not be accurate.”

Picatinny Arsenal, a military base in Wharton, said the drones are not theirs and they are assisting in the investigation.

“Picatinny Arsenal authorities are aware of the numerous reports of unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) activity over Morris County and its surrounding areas on (Monday) evening,” the military base said in a statement emailed to NJ Advance Media. “We remind everyone that it is unlawful to fly UAVs over Picatinny Arsenal and any other federal military installation without prior authori-

zation.”

The Federal Aviation Administration contradicted Morris County officials, saying it “looked into the reports and did not find evidence of drone activity in the area.”

The FAA added that it shared the information about the reports with federal security partners.

State Police did not respond to NJ Advance Media’s request for information. *Jeff Goldman*

The Star-Ledger, Newark NJ, Thu, Nov 21, 2024, Page A4

- Source: [The Star-Ledger, Newark NJ clipping \(backup\)](#)

November 22, 2024 (Friday)

- **Location:** Bedminster, New Jersey
- **Summary:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issues a temporary flight restriction (TFR) from Nov. 22 to Dec. 6 for “special security reasons,” prohibiting unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) in the airspace near President-elect Donald Trump’s Bedminster golf course.
- **Key Individuals/Details:**
 - FAA
 - President-elect Donald Trump
 - TFR over Bedminster

November 22-December 12, 2024 (Friday, various dates between)

- Location: skies above Southern California, San Diego County, Lemon Grove CA, Temecula CA, surrounding communities near Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton
- Summary: “Mysterious car-sized drones spotted in night sky above San Diego County — After a wave of large drone sightings in New Jersey, similar objects are being spotted in the skies above Southern California.”

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Multiple Drone Incursions Confirmed Over Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton (Updated)

This is the first Marine Corps facility to acknowledge drone incursions during the recent wave of sightings at bases across the country.

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- Source: [CBS8 \(backup\)](#), [TWZ \(backup\)](#)

November 23, 2024 (Saturday)

- Location: 3 US airbases in UK: RAF Lakenheath (home to the USAF's 48th Fighter Wing, aka the Liberty Wing) and RAF Mildenhall, in Suffolk, and RAF Feltwell in the neighboring county of Norfolk
- Summary: “Mystery drones seen over three US air bases in UK”: The BBC reports that unidentified drones were spotted over three US Air Force (USAF) bases in the UK — RAF Lakenheath, RAF Mildenhall, and RAF Feltwell — between Wednesday and Friday. These “small unmanned aerial systems” varied in size and configuration. The **USAF confirmed the sightings** but stated it was unclear if the drones were hostile. No critical infrastructure or base residents were affected, and the drones were actively monitored.

While declining to discuss specific defense measures, the USAF emphasized its right to protect installations. The UK Ministry of Defence also highlighted robust security measures, including counter-drone capabilities, but provided no further details. The three bases are significant for housing USAF refueling and fighter jet operations, logistics, and personnel accommodations.

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Mystery drones seen over three US air bases in UK

23 November 2024

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RAF Lakenheath is home to the USAF's 48th Fighter Wing, aka the Liberty Wing

A number of unidentified drones have been spotted over three airbases in Britain, the United States Air Force (USAF) has confirmed.

The incidents, which occurred between Wednesday and Friday, saw "small unmanned aerial systems" spotted over RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall, in Suffolk, and RAF Feltwell in the neighbouring county of Norfolk.

The USAF, which uses the bases, said it was unclear at this stage whether the drones were considered hostile.

It also declined to comment on whether any defence mechanisms were used, but said it retained "the right to protect" installations.





RAF Mildenhall in Suffolk is home to the USAF's refuelling wing in Europe

- Source: [BBC](#) ([backup](#))

November 24, 2024 (Sunday)

- Location: Morristown NJ
- Summary: “The Morristown NJ Police Department alerts residents via an official Advisory: “The Morristown NJ Police Department alerts residents via an official Advisory: “Drone activity in our area — We are aware of drone activity in the area. If you observe a drone, please contact the Morristown Police Department. In the event that a drone crashes or lands, do not approach or handle it.”



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Morristown NJ Police Department

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Advisory

Drone activity in our area

Message Expired

We are aware of drone activity in the area. If you observe a drone, please contact the Morristown Police Department. In the event that a drone crashes or lands, do not approach or handle it.

Address/Location

[Morristown NJ Police Department](#)

200 South St
Morristown, NJ 07960

Contact

Emergency: 9-1-1

Non-emergencies: 973-538-2200

Official Morristown NJ Police Department Drone Advisory

- Source: [Morristown NJ Police Department Advisories](#) ([backup](#))

November 25, 2024 (Monday)

- Location: Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey

- **Summary:** The FAA issues another TFR over Picatinny Arsenal military base from Nov. 25 to Dec. 26.
- **Key Individuals/Details:**
- FAA
- Picatinny Arsenal (military base)

November 27, 2024 (Wednesday)

- **Locations:** RAF Lakenheath, AF Fairford and RAF Mildenhall, RAF Feltwell
- **Summary:** “Drones spotted over military bases in the U.K. that are used by the U.S. — “The bottom line is it’s something that we’re going to take seriously,” Pentagon spokesman Maj. Gen. Pat Ryder said.”

A number of drones have been spotted near four U.K. military bases that host U.S. forces: RAF Lakenheath, RAF Mildenhall, RAF Feltwell (all in southeast England), and RAF Fairford (in Gloucestershire).

U.S. Air Force officials say the drones, seen since November 20, vary in size and configuration.

Both American and British authorities are collaborating to ensure the safety of personnel and facilities; the U.K.’s Civil Aviation Authority has imposed airspace restrictions around the bases.

Pentagon spokesman Maj. Gen. Pat Ryder emphasized that they are taking these incidents seriously, though he noted there has been no “significant mission impact” so far.

Officials have not disclosed how many drones were observed or who might be behind them.

Local residents are being asked to report any suspicious activity, including drone sightings, to local police or Security Forces.



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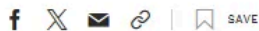
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A U.S. F-16 Fighting Falcon at RAF Lakenheath, an air base in eastern England, in 2020. Jon Hobley / NurPhoto via Getty Images file



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By Hannah Peart

LONDON – The British military has increased security around four air bases in the country that are used by U.S. forces after "a number" of drones were spotted near them, the [U.S. Air Force](#) said Wednesday.

American officials were working with the British authorities to "ensure the safety of base personnel, facilities, and assets," the U.S. Air Force in Europe said in a statement.

The [U.K.'s Civil Aviation Authority](#) has also imposed restrictions around the bases' airspace, a U.K. defense minister told Parliament.

"The bottom line is it's something that we're going to take seriously," Pentagon spokesman Maj. Gen. Pat Ryder told reporters at a regular press briefing on Tuesday. "We're continuing to look into it, but as of right now has not had any significant mission impact."

- Source: [NBC News](#) ([backup](#))

Late November, 2024:

- Location: Chemical giant BASF in Ludwigshafen, Germany, and Rheinmetall arms company
- Summary: “Ramstein Air Base confirms unauthorized drone activity earlier this month”, by Jennifer H. Svan

“The aircraft were first spotted flying over the site of chemical giant BASF in Ludwigshafen in late November, said state police spokesman Bastian Kipping. They were also seen flying over facilities belonging to the arms company Rheinmetall, according to the Der Spiegel report.”



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A drone hovers above the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany, in March 2024. In early December, unauthorized drones were spotted over Ramstein Air Base near Kaiserslautern, Germany, the 86th Airlift Wing said Monday. (Ayden Norcross/U.S. Army National Guard)



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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Ramstein Air Base and German police officials confirmed Monday that unauthorized drones have flown over the sprawling Air Force Installation in recent days, though details about the unmanned aircraft remain scarce.

“The number of systems has fluctuated, and they have ranged in sizes and configurations,” the 86th Airlift Wing said in a statement Monday, adding that there were “no impacts to base residents, facilities or assets.”

Wing officials said the small drones were spotted in early December. They declined to say how many appeared, and whether they know where the aircraft came from or who was operating them.

German news outlet Der Spiegel reported last week that the drones were seen

- Source: Stars and Stripes (backup), 86th Airlift Wing

November 30, 2024 (Saturday)

- **Location:** Mendham Township, New Jersey
- **Summary:** A video purportedly shows several drones in the sky. ABC News cannot confirm exactly what the video depicts.
- **Key Individuals/Details:**
- Video surfaces on social media
- ABC News coverage

December 2, 2024 (Monday)

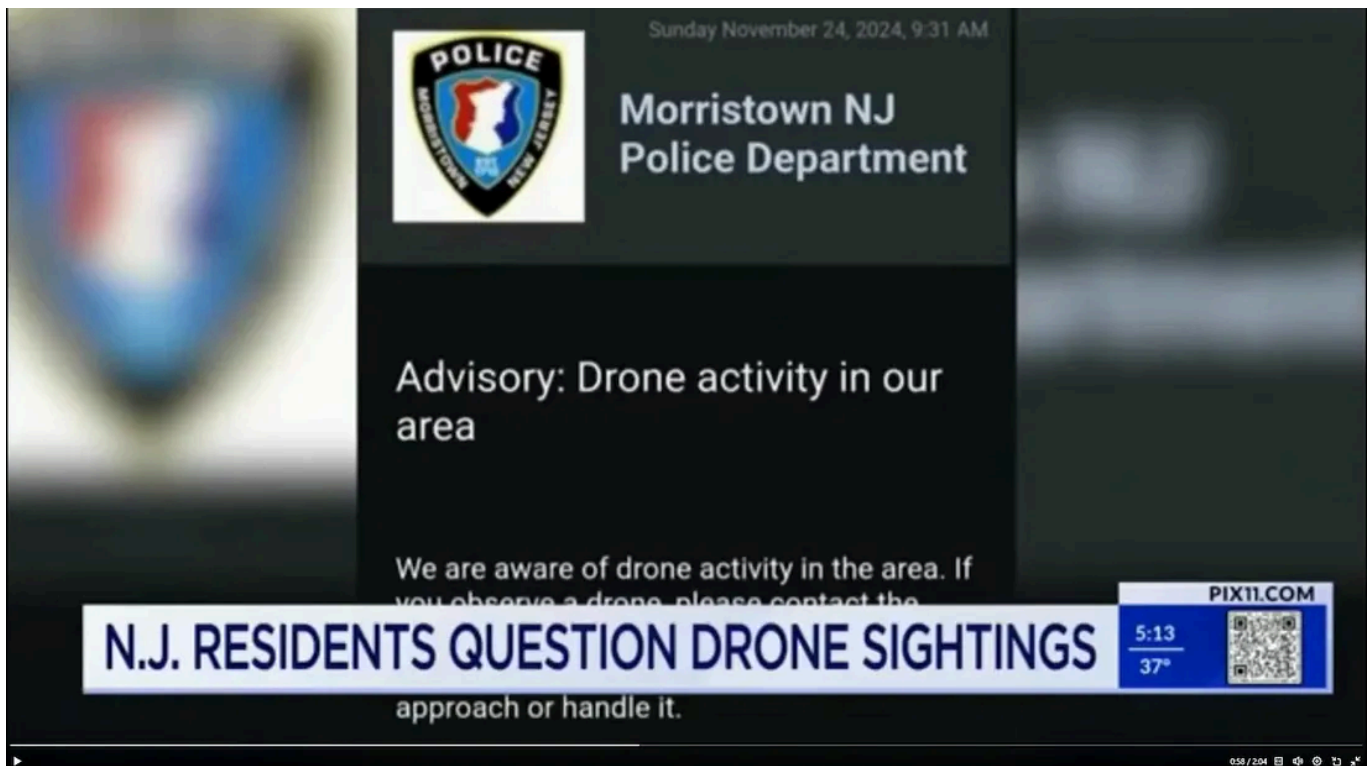
- **Location:** Various sensitive sites in New Jersey (e.g., Picatinny Arsenal, Bedminster golf course)
- **Summary:** In response to continued drone incursions over sensitive areas, the FAA implements additional restrictions.
- **Key Individuals/Details:**
- FAA restrictions

- Concerns over drones near military bases and President-elect Trump's property

December 3, 2024 (Tuesday)

Location: Morristown, NJ, Morris County, NJ, Trump National Golf Course in Bedminster NJ, and Randolph, NJ (video location)

Summary: "FAA places restriction on ALL drone flights over Picatinny Arsenal and Trump National Golf Course in Bedminster NJ after car size Drones/UFO's have been hovering for weeks in Morris County."



Source: Katie Corrado — PIX11 Video clip on X

December 3, 2024 (Tuesday)

- **Location:** Morris County, New Jersey
- **Summary:**
 - The Morris County Prosecutor's Office updates the public on how to report drone activity, maintaining there is "no known threat to public safety."
 - The FBI begins investigating the sightings and asks for public tips.
- **Key Individuals/Details:**
 - MCPO
 - FBI tip line: 1-800-CALL-FBI or tips.fbi.gov
 - Source: Morris County Prosecutor's Office Advisory. (backup)

December 3-4, 2024 (Tuesday/Wednesday)

Location: Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Summary: "Ramstein Air Base confirms unauthorized drone activity earlier this month — German news outlet Der Spiegel reported last week that the drones were seen over Ramstein in the evening hours of Dec. 3 and Dec. 4. The story cited a confidential report by German security authorities.

The drones flying over the base weren't the usual commercial hobby aircraft, Rheinland-Pfalz state police said in a statement following a Stars and Stripes query Monday.

The aircraft were first spotted flying over the site of chemical giant BASF in Ludwigshafen in late November, said state police spokesman Bastian Kipping. They were also seen flying over facilities belonging to the arms company Rheinmetall, according to the Der Spiegel report.

Drone flights were detected in the dark and around dusk, according to the Rheinland-Pfalz police, who were unable to provide the number of drone flights due to varying reports.” Reported on 12/16/2024.

Source: [Stars and Stripes](#) ([backup](#)), 86th Airlift Wing, [NBC News](#) ([backup](#))

December 3, 2024 (Tuesday, posted Dec. 5, 2024)

- Location: Florham Park, NJ
- Summary: nj.com: “This timelapse video shows several suspected drones flying over Florham Park, N.J. over the span of 30 minutes on December 3. Courtesy: @Los.Neo”



YouTube — Timelapse Video

- Source: [YouTube Video](#), [X Video](#)

December 4, 2024 (Wednesday)

- Location: NJ
- Summary: “Map Shows Where Mysterious Drones Over New Jersey Have Been Spotted”

Authorities, including the FBI, are investigating reports of mysterious drones “the size of small cars” seen hovering in northern New Jersey, particularly in Morris and Somerset Counties. These areas include Donald Trump’s Bedminster golf course and the Picatinny Arsenal army base. Residents have reported the drones appearing nightly, with sightings continuing for hours before disappearing at dawn.

Local and federal law enforcement agencies, including the New Jersey State Police and the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, are monitoring the situation but have stated that there is no known threat to public safety. The public is encouraged to report any information to the FBI.

The rise in drone activity has raised concerns about safety and security, emphasizing the need for adherence to drone operation regulations. Authorities continue to investigate the source and intent behind these drone flights.

- Source: [Newsweek](#) ([backup](#))

December 4, 2024 (Wednesday)

- Location: Mine Hill, NJ (Morris County) — ~12 minute drive (2.8–3 miles or so) from [Picatinny Arsenal](#)
- Summary: “Mine Hill Mayor Sam Morris shot video of what he believes to be drones above his Morris County town on Dec. 4.”

Drones banned in more New Jersey towns by FAA: See the updated list

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Morris County mayor shares video of alleged drone sightings, wants more info from feds

Mine Hill Mayor Sam Morris shot video of what he believes to be drones above his Morris County town on Dec. 4. Take a look.

The Federal Aviation Administration has imposed [new temporary flight restrictions](#) on drones over parts of nine additional New Jersey towns, citing security concerns after unexplained drone sightings raised alarms statewide.

The restrictions, announced Monday, apply to parts of Atlantic Highlands, Belford, Fort Hancock in Middletown, Highlands, Linden, Paulsboro, Port Reading in Woodbridge, South Kearny, and Westville. These areas join dozens of other municipalities already subject to FAA drone restrictions, which were introduced [in December](#).

The restrictions, some of which last about three weeks, aim to prevent drones from

flying over critical infrastructure and sensitive locations. FAA officials said four of the newly restricted areas are along Sandy Hook Bay, near a nearly 3-mile pier at Naval Weapons Station Earle. The naval facility reported two unauthorized drone flights over its airspace earlier this month.

The FAA has issued 57 drone flight restrictions in New Jersey since late November, including two dozen enacted in mid-December "at the request of federal security partners" to safeguard key infrastructure.

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- Source: [northjersey.com](https://www.northjersey.com) ([backup](#))

December 4, 2024 (Wednesday)

- Location: Throughout NJ, Mine Hill (Morris County) NJ
- Summary:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has expanded temporary flight restrictions on drones to include parts of nine additional New Jersey towns, following unexplained drone sightings and security concerns. The newly restricted areas are Atlantic Highlands, Belford, Fort Hancock in Middletown, Highlands, Linden, Paulsboro, Port Reading in Woodbridge, South Kearny, and Westville. These add to dozens of other municipalities already under drone restrictions imposed since December.

The FAA says some restrictions, lasting roughly three weeks, are meant to protect critical infrastructure — particularly near Naval Weapons Station Earle, which reported unauthorized drone flights. In total, the FAA has issued 57 flight restrictions across New Jersey since late November,

including initial bans near Picatinny Arsenal and Bedminster (home to President-elect Donald Trump's golf club).

Local mayors, such as the mayor of Mine Hill, have shared footage of suspected drone sightings, prompting calls for more federal information. Meanwhile, the FBI is investigating nearly 100 reports of unidentified drone activity. The FAA emphasizes these measures are precautionary and advises drone operators to check current guidelines before flying in any affected areas.

- Source: [northjersey.com](https://www.northjersey.com) ([backup](#))

December 4, 2024 (Wednesday)

- **Location:** Bedminster, New Jersey
- **Summary:** The FAA extends the Bedminster flight restriction through Dec. 20.
- **Key Individuals/Details:**
 - FAA
 - TFR extension around Trump's Bedminster golf course

December 4 and 5, 2024 (Thursday)

- **Location:** Florham Park, NJ

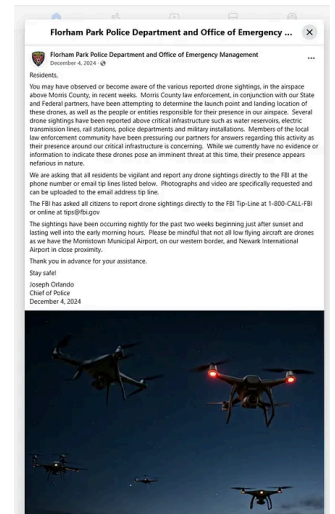
- **Summary:** The Florham Park Police Chief Joseph Orlando in NJ said that “several drone sightings have been reported above critical infrastructure such as water reservoirs, electric transmission lines, rail stations, police departments and military installations...their presence is nefarious in nature”.

An official statement was also issued by Chief of Police Joseph Orlando on Dec. 4th, for the Florham Park Police Department and Office of Emergency Management.



Florham Park's Chief of Police, Joseph Orlando, has issued the following update to residents.

Residents,
You may have observed or become aware of the various reported drone sightings, in the airspace above Morris County, in recent weeks. Morris County law enforcement, in conjunction with our State and Federal partners, have been attempting to determine the launch point and landing location of these drones, as well as the people or entities responsible for their presence in our airspace. Several drone sightings have been reported above critical infrastructure such as water reservoirs, electric transmission lines, rail stations, police departments and military installations. Members of the local law enforcement community have been pressuring our partners for answers regarding this activity as their presence around our critical infrastructure is concerning. While we currently have no evidence or information to indicate these drones pose an imminent threat at this time, their presence appears nefarious in nature. We are asking that all residents be vigilant and report any drone sightings directly to the FBI at the phone number or email tip lines listed below. Photographs and video are specifically requested and can be uploaded to the email address tip line. The FBI has asked all citizens to report drone sightings directly to the FBI Tip-Line at 1-800-CALL-FBI or online at tips@fbi.gov. The sightings have been occurring nightly for the past two weeks beginning just after sunset and lasting well into the early morning hours. Please be mindful that not all low flying aircraft are drones as we have the Morristown Municipal Airport, on our western border, and Newark International Airport in close proximity. Thank you in advance for your assistance. Stay safe!
 Joseph Orlando
 Chief of Police
 December 4, 2024



- **Source:** 2 CBS News NY, [X Post/Video](#), [TAPinto](#) ([East Hanover/Florham Park](#)). ([backup](#)), [Facebook](#) ([backup](#))

December 5, 2024 (Report, Events go back to ~2022)

- **Location:** Reports have surged globally over the past 16–17 days, especially in the UK (RAF Lakenheath, RAF Feltwell), New Jersey, and the

continental US. Germany also reported an incident on November 22, 2023, involving a 1.5m drone near HMS Queen Elizabeth in Hamburg.

- **Summary:**

What's Being Seen: Luminous orbs (orange, blue), triangular shapes, and metallic spheres. Sightings frequently occur between 15,000–28,000 ft. Metallic spheres lack visible propulsion, heat signatures, or seams.

Military Response: Jets from the US and UK have attempted to intercept these objects. Anti-drone tech (like HP 47 jamming systems) has been deployed but has failed to neutralize the objects.

Speculations on Origin: Some claim they are advanced foreign drones (likely Chinese, less likely Russian) capable of evading jet fighters and anti-drone systems. Others suggest non-human intelligence (NHI), citing anomalous movements and lack of known propulsion systems.

Historical Context: Similar UAP incidents have been reported near nuclear weapons sites (e.g., Malmstrom AFB) and nuclear energy plants globally. Enigma Labs recorded 6,226 orb sightings from Dec 2022 to Sept 2024, with 4,467 confirmed and 322 metallic.

Notable Reports: August 1, 2023: Metallic sphere sighted at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth.

May 2023: Silver sphere seen near Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington State.

June 4 & 12, 2024: Silent silver orbs spotted near Eglin AFB, Florida.

Concerns: Drones/UAPs are being seen over nuclear facilities worldwide (UK, US, Germany, India, Pakistan, France, China). Advanced technology is operating with impunity over sensitive areas.

Government Silence: Despite pilots calling them UAPs, governments assert these are drones but provide no proof. Coulthart criticizes mainstream media for failing to press officials for answers.

Possible Theories: A 1954 Eisenhower directive may have locked UAP secrecy into classified programs. NHI-related consciousness and psionics might play a role in how these phenomena manifest.

Recent FBI Activity: The FBI is investigating New Jersey sightings, some near homes linked to the incoming president.

Takeaway: The episode raises questions about national security, media complacency, and government cover-ups while calling for public pressure to force disclosure.”

- Source: [Ross Coulthart — Reality Check](#)

December 6, 2024 (Friday)

- Location: Flemington, Hunterdon County, NJ
- Summary: The Hunterdon County Sheriff’s Office issues an official statement concerning the “drone sightings”:

“There have been reports of single drones hovering over people’s houses for hours at a time. Other reports say the drones are often clustered together in groups as big as eight. Drones are considered aircraft. Aircraft and airspace are strictly regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration.”



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Hunterdon County Public Safety Director And Sheriff Provide Update On Recent Drone Sightings

At the December 3rd Commissioner Board meeting, Hunterdon County Sheriff Fred Brown and Public Safety Director Brayden Fahey updated the Board about recent drone sightings that are occurring across the State of New Jersey including Hunterdon County.

These sightings have raised concerns, and Commissioner John Lanza, who serves as the liaison to the Sheriff's Office and Department of Public Safety, requested the public update noting, "There have been reports of single drones hovering over people's houses for hours at a time. Other reports say the drones are often clustered together in groups as big as eight. Drones are considered aircraft. Aircraft and airspace are strictly regulated by the FAA."

Sheriff Brown and Director Fahey noted the situation remains an ongoing FBI investigation and requested the public's help by reporting all drone sightings directly to the FBI by calling: 800-CALL-FBI (800-225-5324). Sheriff Brown and Director Fahey emphasized that prompt reporting can assist authorities in tracking and addressing any potential threats or safety issues associated with drone operations.

Director of Public Safety and OEM Coordinator Brayden Fahey shared, "We are taking these sightings seriously and working closely with federal authorities to investigate and address any concerns. There have been confirmed drone sightings near Round Valley Reservoir and the Hunterdon County 9-1-1 Center."

Sheriff Fred Brown emphasized the importance of community vigilance stating, "If you see something, say something. Reporting drone activity to the FBI helps us maintain the safety and security of Hunterdon County. Public safety is our top priority, and we rely on the community's cooperation to ensure a swift and effective response. We appreciate the public's assistance and diligence in this matter."

Residents are reminded that unauthorized drone operations can pose significant risks to public safety, privacy, and national security. Proactive reporting is crucial in helping law enforcement and federal agencies mitigate this risk effectively. Residents are urged to not approach any downed drones that might result from mechanical failure but to instead immediately alert authorities.

- Source: [Facebook \(backup\)](#), [Link to PDF Document](#), [High Bridge Borough \(backup\)](#).
- See also: The Jan. 10, 2025 interview below with John Lanza, Director of the Hunterdon County Commissioners.

December 6, 2024 (Friday)

- **Location:** Naval Weapons Station Earle, New Jersey
- **Summary:** About half a dozen drones are spotted near Naval Weapons Station Earle on Friday night.
- **Key Individuals/Details:**
 - Sgt. Kevin Fennessy (Ocean County Sheriff's Drone Department) says multiple agencies are working together to map and track sightings.
 - NOTAM issued referencing Bedminster ("No UAS operations are authorized...").

December 6, 2024 (Friday)

Location: Washington DC, NJ

Summary: "The nation is under siege." — Nick Pope. As drone sightings continued over New Jersey last night, AARO will provide a classified briefing today to the House Oversight Committee. "Some of this may be genuine UAP activity."



Source: [News Nation video clip on X](#)

December 6, 2024

Location: Evesham, NJ

Summary: *We have no information on who the drones belong to... due to the number of them we classify them as not hobbyist.* South New Jersey Police Chief holds press conference on anomalous drone incursions.

Source: [Video of statement on X](#)

December 6, 11, 13, 2024

- Location: area of Ft. Dix/Joint Base McGuire–Dix–Lakehurst NJ
- Summary of posts:

“More drones or uaps flying over fort dix military base in new jersey for the 6th night in a row the fbi and faa are investigating the incursions in nj area”

“usaf multiple ? sikorsky hh-60w jolly green ii jolly21 helicopters have been seen flying low near fort dix afb and the east coast in new jersey, possibly searching for drone incursions in the area.”

“Helicopter chasing “drone” near Ft Dix NJ last night 12/13/24”

- Source: [X Post](#), [X Post](#), [X Post](#)

December 7, 2024 (Saturday)

- Location: accident scene at Branchburg Township, Somerset County, NJ
- Summary: “Drones Over New Jersey Prevent Helicopter from Transporting Crash Victim, Officials Say: [HPP](#): Recent investigations by the FBI revealed that the enigmatic drones in New Jersey obstructed a medevac helicopter from delivering a critically injured patient to the hospital.

A medical helicopter was en route to an accident in Branchburg Township, Somerset County, last Tuesday, but could not retrieve the crash victim because drones were present in the landing area, officials reported.

Two security officers from Raritan Valley Community College blocked off roads to secure the crash site ahead of the helicopter's arrival, according to Brian Serge, the college's security supervisor.

The local fire captain announced the cancellation of the request just before 7 p.m. because of the dangerous presence of drones, he stated.

"We never found out what the actual drones were," Serge said. "It's kind of a mystery. We were asking around about that, but nobody knew anything."

- Source: [Hamilton Paw Print Local News \(backup\)](#)

December 7, 2024 (Saturday)

- **Location:** Multiple counties in New Jersey (at least a dozen), plus parts of New York City
- **Summary:** Reports indicate drone sightings have expanded, with additional counties in New Jersey and New York City (Staten Island, Brooklyn) now affected.
- **Key Individuals/Details:**
 - Widening area of sightings
 - Growing public concern

December 7, 2024 (Saturday)

Location: Langley Air Force Base, Hampton, Virginia

Summary: Date is of the posting of the Fox News video clip. “Some of the FBI agents that have been assigned to look into this have reported drones above their homes.”

FBI agents investigating the anomalous drone incursions above Langley Air Force Base (not Jersey) are now reporting drones above their personal homes.”

Source: [Fox News clip on X](#)

December 7, 2024 (Saturday)

Location: Washington DC

Summary: “*There are certain shapes consistently that are unexplained...*” Rep. Nancy Mace. Following the classified briefing with AARO regarding anomalous drone incursions, some remain unidentified.



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Rep. Nancy Mace [@RepNancyMace](#) following the classified briefing with AARO regarding anomolous drone incursions, some remain unidentified.

[@JoeKhalilTV](#)



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Source: [Video statement on X](#)

December 8, 2024 (Sunday)

- **Location:** New Jersey (various towns)

- **Summary:** Local officials demand federal action and transparency. Nineteen elected officials — including 15 mayors — call for greater engagement from federal authorities.
- **Key Individuals/Details:**
- Assemblyman John DiMaio and Assemblyman Erik Peterson among attendees
- Officials' letter calling for a full investigation and clear communication

December 9, 2024 (Sunday)

Location: likely NJ (unclear)

Summary: Statement on video by NJ Governor Phil Murphy on the “very sophisticated” “drones” over New Jersey: “This is something we’re taking deadly seriously.”

Partial transcript: “I was on with the White House and Homeland Security leadership literally at the very top yesterday, pretty much all day. I’m hoping we’ll get answers sooner than later. I would just ask folks to continue to let FBI or local law enforcement know if they see something.. These are apparently very sophisticated. The minute you get eyes on them, they go dark. We’re obviously mostly concerned about sensitive targets and sensitive/critical infrastructure. So you’ve got military assets, utility assets, you’ve got the President-elect, one of his homes here. This is something we’re taking deadly seriously.”



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NEW: Governor Phil Murphy has spoken with White House officials about the 'very sophisticated' drones over New Jersey.

"The minute you get eyes on them, they go dark... This is something we're taking deadly seriously."



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Source: [X post with video clip \(backup\)](#)

December 9, 2024 (Monday)

1. **Location:** Various New Jersey towns

- **Summary:** Mayors of 21 towns write a letter to Gov. Phil Murphy demanding an investigation into the drones, better prevention measures,

and clearer communication.

- **Key Individuals/Details:**
- Gov. Phil Murphy
- 21 New Jersey mayors

2. **Location:** Hunterdon County, New Jersey

- **Summary:** Gov. Murphy addresses investigations into recent drone sightings after 49 reports in one day (mostly in Hunterdon County). He affirms there is no known threat but acknowledges public frustration.
- **Key Individuals/Details:**
- Gov. Phil Murphy press briefing

December 9, 2024 (Monday)

Location: Mine Hill Township, Morris County, NJ

Summary: “Mayor Sam Morris of Mine Hill NJ says he has a video of a “stationary drone” with 4 more objects around it going back and forth in a “scanning pattern”. “Like Pong” “Back and Forth”.”

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Source: [X Post — News Nation Video \(backup\)](#)

December 9, 2024 (Monday)

Location: Unclear (NJ?)

Summary: “Governor Phil Murphy has spoken with White House officials about the ‘very sophisticated’ drones over New Jersey. “The minute you get eyes on them, they go dark... This is something we’re taking deadly seriously.””

Source: [Video of Statement on X](#)

December 9, 2024 (Monday)

Location: NJ

Summary: “South Jersey drone sightings have communities on high alert, but Murphy says there’s no “concern for public safety — [Drones in South Jersey are seemingly all the buzz](#) amongst neighbors — still. The talk about these aircraft started last week — and [spilled into the weekend](#).”

This comes after Evesham Police Department announced last week that they are investigating the suspicious activity.

On Monday, [New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy](#) shared he understands the frustrations.”

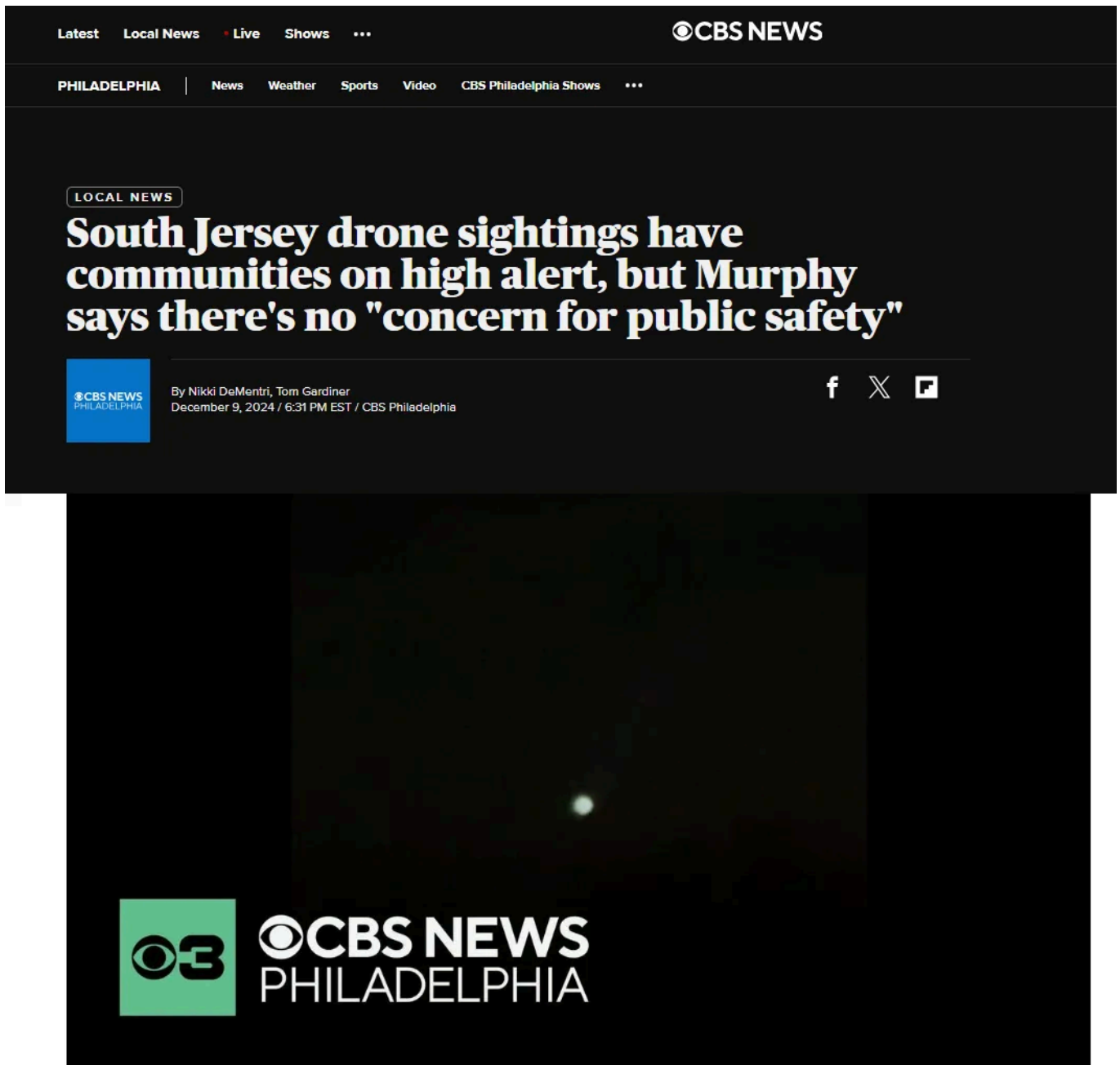
“The FAA began receiving reports of drone activity near Morris County, New Jersey, on Monday, Nov. 18.

At the request of federal security partners, the FAA published two Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) prohibiting drone flights over [Picatinny Arsenal Military Base](#) and [Trump National Golf Club Bedminster](#).

Safely integrating drones into the National Airspace System is a key priority for the FAA.

We look into all reports of unauthorized drone operations and investigate when appropriate. Drone operators who conduct unsafe operations that endanger other aircraft or people on the ground could face fines up to \$75,000. In addition, we can suspend or revoke drone operators' pilot certificates.

The agency works with federal and local law enforcement partners to educate them about how to respond to unsafe or unauthorized drone operations. FAA personnel in the 77 local Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO) across the country perform investigations and when necessary, take appropriate enforcement actions.”



Source: [CBS News Philadelphia \(backup\)](#)

December 10, 2024 (Tuesday)

Location: Livermore, California about 3 to 4 miles from LLNL

Summary: “LLNL — nearby, local witnesses, videos

“12/10/2024 — Livermore, California about 3 to 4 miles from LLNL — drone size of a small jet moving in one direction at a lower altitude and slower speed than an airplane, lights at four points including a red blinking light.”

Source: multiple DM’s to me

December 10, 2024 (Tuesday)

- Location: Naval Air Station Jacksonville FL (NAS Jacksonville/NAS JAX)
- Summary: A Jacksonville man, Jack Jones, reported spotting a large drone near Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS JAX) on Tuesday evening. Jones, an experienced drone hobbyist, described the drone as roughly the size of a car hood and captured grainy images of it. He believes the drone was operating within restricted airspace near the base, though NAS JAX stated it found no anomalous activity on radar and does not typically house large quadcopter drones.

Congressman John Rutherford expressed concerns over potential security threats, noting similar drone sightings across the U.S. and a recent arrest of a Chinese national accused of unauthorized drone activity near a Space Force Base. Jones and Rutherford called for vigilance and investigation, with the FBI reportedly probing related incidents nationwide. The local FBI office has not yet confirmed reports of suspicious drone activity in Jacksonville.

- Source: [Action News JAX](#) ([backup](#)), also see later sighting report below dated 1/8/2025

December 10, 2024 (Tuesday)

Location: Joint Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence and Transportation and Maritime Security Subcommittee Hearing:

“Safeguarding the Homeland from Unmanned Aerial Systems”, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

Summary: An hour of sharp questions from lawmakers directed at the FBI yields few definitive answers about the drone sightings. Members of Congress express frustration at the lack of clarity.

- Rep. Gonzales’ Question: “You’re telling me we don’t know what the hell these drones are in NJ?”
FBI Response: “That’s right.”
This underscores the gap in identifying and tracking unauthorized drone activity in specific regions.
- Rep. Malliotakis’ Inquiry: “Is there a possibility these do pose a threat?”
FBI Response: “Yes,” adding that the lack of information is itself concerning.
This reflects broader concerns about the potential risks posed by unidentified drones, ranging from espionage to physical threats.
- Rep. Smith’s Observation: “These are coming in off the ocean.”
This comment suggests a geographical focus, possibly implicating maritime routes as a point of origin for some drones.

Key Individuals/Details:

- Hearing Chairman Rep. August Pfluger (R-TX)

- Robert Wheeler Jr., FBI assistant director (Critical Incident Response)
- Rep. Tony Gonzales (R-TX)
- Congressman Josh Gottheimer (NJ) introduces legislation to fund advanced drone-tracking and penalties for interference.

Source: [YouTube Video](#)

December 10, 2024 (Tuesday)

Location: Various

Summary: “Hannity: NJ Drones Possible ‘Dry Run’ for Attack Rep. Jeff Van Drew says the drones could be China conducting surveillance. FBI has received over 3,000 tips and are analyzing images received from concerned Americans.”

Source: [Hannity, Fox News video clip on X](#)

December 10, 2024

Location: Picatinny Arsenal, NJ

Summary: “New Jersey military base had 11 ‘confirmed’ mystery drone sightings, Army says — (Tribune News Service) — Picatinny Arsenal, the Army facility in Morris County, N.J., has had 11 confirmed sightings of

unauthorized drones flying over in its airspace in recent weeks, military officials said.

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Source: [Stars and Stripes](#) ([backup](#))

December 11, 2024 (Wednesday)

- Location: various areas of NJ, Picatinny Arsenal, Morris County NJ
- Summary: Newspaper article — “NJ military base had 11 ‘confirmed’ mystery drone sightings, Army says”.

Confirmed sightings: Nov. 13, 18, 19, 24, between Nov. 28–30, and Dec. 3, 6.

Unconfirmed sightings: Nov. 26, Dec. 2, 4, 6.

NJ military base had 11 'confirmed' mystery drone sightings, Army says

BY TINA KELLEY
NJ ADVANCE MEDIA

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It is illegal to fly unauthorized drones over military bases.

The FAA added additional drone flight restrictions over Picatinny and Trump National Golf Club in Somerset County last week.

The sightings at the Army



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facility were among the earliest reported in a flood of drone sightings in recent weeks around the state. Residents have reported multiple drones flying over the same areas of New Jersey each night along with unusually large drones, the kind not usually used by hobbyists, over some areas.

It is unclear if the drone sightings are related. Gov. Phil Murphy and other law enforcement officials have said there is no evidence the unexplained drones pose a threat to the state. The FBI is investigating the sightings statewide, including the reports at Picatinny Arsenal.

Murphy said there were 49 reports of drone sighting statewide on Sunday, but some of those turned out to be planes mistakenly identified as drones.

Investigators were looking into the other reports.

Picatinny Arsenal released a list Monday of the dates of 18 sightings, including the 11 confirmed incidents. "Confirmed" means a police officer or security guard "visibly witnessed a drone" while or after receiving the report, military officials said.

Picatinny Arsenal's list also includes seven "unconfirmed" reports of drones, which means a police officer received a call but was "unable to verify the object upon arriving on the scene," Army officials said. Two of the unconfirmed reports were listed as "aircraft."

The FBI, the lead agency in the investigation, did not immediately respond to a request to comment on the sightings at Picatinny.

The Picatinny Arsenal Police Department received the reports of the evening drone activity.

Confirmed sightings occurred Nov. 13, Nov. 18, Nov. 19, and Nov. 24, when there were two, as well as nightly between Nov. 28 and Nov. 30. There were also two confirmed sightings on Dec. 3 and one on Dec. 6.

There were two unconfirmed sightings Nov. 26, one Dec. 2, three Dec. 4, and one Dec. 6.

- Source: [The Jersey Journal, Jersey City, New Jersey, Wed, Dec 11, 2024, Page J5 \(backup\)](#)

December 11, 2024 (Wednesday)

- Location: NORTHCOM, Picatinny Arsenal NJ, Naval Weapons Station Earle NJ
- Summary: “Military Monitors Unauthorized Drone Activity Near N.J. Bases”, by Jim Thomas

The United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) was confirmed to be monitoring unauthorized drone activity near two key military installations in New Jersey: Picatinny Arsenal and Naval Weapons Station Earle. Although no immediate threats to military operations have been identified, the incidents are under investigation by local law enforcement and the FBI.

USNORTHCOM, designated as the lead for Homeland Counter-small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (HC-sUAS) operations under the Department of Defense’s recent counter-UAS strategy, is prepared to respond if requested. The command emphasizes readiness, collaboration with federal agencies, and the ability to deploy advanced counter-drone technologies, such as portable “fly-away kits,” to installations without sufficient defenses.

This effort aligns with the broader strategy to enhance detection, tracking, and mitigation of drone threats through initiatives like the Falcon Peak 25 Counter-sUAS project. Installation commanders retain primary security responsibility, but USNORTHCOM is poised to provide additional support when necessary.

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The United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) announced on Dec. 11 that it is monitoring reports of unauthorized drone activity near military installations in New Jersey, raising concerns about security at Picatinny Arsenal and

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December 11, 2024 (Wednesday)

- Location: NJ
- Summary: NY Daily News publishes an article “Stop All Droning! — NJ pol calls for state of emergency till public gets ‘explanation’”

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What appears to be a drone is seen above treetops in Flanders, N.J., last Tuesday. Recent swarms of the devices in areas near President-elect Donald Trump's golf course in central part of state and elsewhere have spooked Garden Staters. @XGABBYNU/TMX VIA AP

'STOP ALL DRONING!'

N.J. pol calls for state of emergency till public gets 'explanation'

BY JESSICA SCHLADEBECK
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

A series of incidents of large drones spotted flying over New Jersey in recent weeks, some of them near the President-elect's golf course in Bedminster, has prompted a call for a limited state of emergency, which could temporarily bar such aircrafts from taking flight.

Sen. Jon Bramnick, a

Republican who is running for governor, on Tuesday said that all drones should be banned from airspace over the Garden State — at least until “the public receives an explanation regarding these multiple sightings.”

“We got thousands of people worried about drones flying around and nobody knows why,” he told NJ Advance Media. “Stop all droning, especially drones the size of a Suburban.”

The Federal Aviation Administration said it first received reports of unauthorized drone activity on Nov. 18.

Since then, there has been no shortage of reports about “fixed-wing aircrafts” — sometimes in packs as large as eight — hovering over mid- and northern New Jersey. Many of them also appear to be bigger than drones typically used by hobbyists, sparking concern given the sightings near

Donald Trump's National Golf Club in Bedminster and the Picatinny Arsenal Military Base in Rockaway.

Earlier this week, New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy reiterated that the mysterious drone clusters do not pose any threat to the public. His comments came after 21 mayors and other elected officials called on him to more proactively address the sightings.

Murphy previously said he'd

met with members of the federal Department of Homeland Security including Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, state police and members of the Garden State's congressional delegation to “discuss reported drone activity over parts of North and Central New Jersey.”

He added: “We are actively monitoring the situation and in close coordination with our federal and law enforcement partners on this matter.”

- Source: [Newspapers.com clipping](#)

December 11, 2024 (Wednesday)

- Location: off the coast of Florida at approximately 27,000 feet

- Summary:

“A whistleblower came to ASA regarding a mid air collision between a Gulfstream jet and an unidentified metallic object that occurred off the coast of Florida on December 11 at approximately 27,000 feet and resulted in engine failure and an emergency landing. There are indications that the unidentified object may have been a drone operating off the east coast with atypical characteristics. The whistleblower is concerned because this altitude is highly regulated Class A airspace that requires flight plans and transponders, but in this instance, there were no flight plans for the object and the object was not transponding. We can largely eliminate the possibility of common objects because: — a weather balloon would have been transponding — this altitude is too high for hobby drones and illegal for any drone — there is no biological indicator of a bird strike — video of the engine shows metal damage I am concerned the incident is being downplayed by FAA. The report is being classified it as an “incident” and not an “accident,” which would require public announcement, investigation by NTSB, and an explanation. What is going on here?

Major air safety events should be handled transparently.”

- Source: Ryan Graves (backup)

December 11, 2024 (Wednesday)

- Location: Washington DC
- Summary: “Congressman Van Drew Sends Letter to the President to Urge Swift Action to Neutralize the Drones

Washington, DC -Today, Congressman Van Drew sent a letter to President Biden demanding immediate action to eliminate the threat of the drones by imposing flight restrictions and issuing an order to neutralize them as soon as possible. Notable passage from the letter:

“It has come to my attention that New Jersey drone incursions may be an operation by the Iranian government to undermine the national security of the United States of America. I urge you to act swiftly. Our military does not generally test experimental aircraft in such populated areas, and I would hope that the military would have clarified this situation if it were responsible. This leaves the possibility that they are under the control of an adversarial nation.”

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President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

President Biden,

It has come to my attention that the New Jersey drone incursions may be an operation by the Iranian government to undermine the national security of the United States of America. I urge you to act swiftly.

The New Jersey drone incursions began on the evening of November 18th. They were first noticed by residents who recorded the aircraft by phone. These drones attracted significant attention because they were much larger than commercially available drones and seen around strategically significant sites including Picatinny Arsenal, Bedminster Golf Course, and critical infrastructure.

Our military does not generally test experimental aircraft in such populated areas, and I would hope that the military would have clarified this situation if it were responsible. It also seems highly unlikely that these drones are under the control of domestic private individuals. They are too large and too sophisticated with their avoidance of radar detection. This leaves the possibility that they are under the control of an adversarial nation.

There are several pieces of circumstantial evidence that Iran is that adversary. First, the Coast Guard has observed drones coming into New Jersey from the Atlantic Ocean. Second, we have information that a sea-based Iranian drone mothership is currently missing from port, and that its embarkation timeline would align with the appearances of the New Jersey drones. We know that Iran has both the motive and the capability to execute such an operation. They have in the past brought vessels in proximity of the United States, and Iran has a sophisticated drone production partnership with China. And of course, it is the policy of the Iranian government to bring about the destruction of the United States of America. While I remain open to alternate explanations, I have not been presented a single credible, cohesive narrative except for that Iran is controlling these drones from offshore.

I propose flight restrictions be placed over the New Jersey airspace and an order be given to neutralize any drone aircraft in violation of those restrictions. In neutralizing these drones we must ensure the safety of people on ground and should also attempt to keep the drones intact so that we may study their capabilities.

Sincerely,

Jeff Van Drew
Member of Congress

- Source: Barnett Parker's (KOMO TV) post on X with letter (backup)

December 11, 2024 (Wednesday)

Location: New Jersey, Washington, D.C.

Summary:

1. State Sen. Jon Bramnick (R-NJ) calls for a ban on all drones until the mystery is solved and suggests a “limited state of emergency.”
2. Rep. Jeff Van Drew speculates about an Iranian “mothership” off the East Coast, but the Pentagon refutes any foreign involvement.
3. A DHS briefing call with Gov. Phil Murphy, Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, and other officials discusses sightings. Assemblywoman Dawn Fantasia says some drones appear up to 6 feet in diameter and sometimes fly with lights off.

Key Individuals/Details:

- Jon Bramnick (R-NJ), “limited state of emergency”
- Jeff Van Drew (R-NJ), “Iranian mothership” theory refuted by Pentagon
- Sec. Alejandro Mayorkas (DHS), Gov. Phil Murphy (NJ), Assemblywoman Dawn Fantasia

December 11, 2024 (Wednesday)

Location: Barksdale AFB, Bossier City, Louisiana

Summary: “Ronald Bilak (ex-USAF, 20 years DD-214 provided): Roughly 1900 CST went outside. I would say I was drawn outside by a feeling. I looked to the West Gate side of Barksdale. I saw a strange blinking light. I had my phone with me. At first I only took a picture. Then I started video. I saw one object. It moved in ways earthly objects cannot move. Simply cannot. Left to right, right to left, up and down. Quick, never seen anything like it. No plane, drone or satellite moves like that. None. I saw a second object come down. It stayed solid the whole time. Looked more of a green color. It was there for 10 seconds or so. I stayed with the blinking object. Again I could not believe the movements. It finally seemed to turn off or disappear. I don’t know what I saw. But I do know that the movements were not like anything I have ever seen. That includes 20 years of being in the Air Force. No human could take the movements it made. Impossible. It was totally silent, flashed off and on. I am physically shaken an hour and a half later.”

Source: Ronald Bilak

December 11, 2024 (Wednesday)

Location: NJ State Police headquarters, Trenton area NJ — Regional Operations and Intelligence Center in Ewing, N.J.

Summary: Belleville NJ Mayor Michael Melham in NJ provided a summary of a briefing event held for NJ mayors about the mystery drones. 500 mayors were invited, but the Governor did not show up. Several mayors decided to just walk out during the event. Mayor Melham summarized the briefing in NJ:

- First “sightings” started Nov. 18- “Sightings” have happened every single night, dawn to dusk, lasting 6–7 hours — Reports range from 4–180 per night
- Up to 6 ft diameter — Avoid detection by traditional methods — Lights go off at times — FBI is the lead — Sunday: 60 drones were “hovering over those reservoirs”
- Officers will be “looking up” — “If you see something say something” — “They are large drones” — Operate in a coordinated manner — State Police helicopter got close, lights go off and they go away
- Regs not be followed: — Regs say drones can’t be operated at night time, however at night time the operator must be on sight — There are so many drones, and operating in a coordinated fashion, we do not believe the operator is anywhere near in sight — We have no shoot down authority
- Any interception or takedown would be under the Fed. Gov — NJ State Police has had their choppers coordinating with the feds, trying to catch them, over Raritan Bay, and also coordinating with the US Coast Guard
- Detection equipment is up but not detecting. 6 ft drones evading our detection. — Either not emitting a radio frequency or evading detection — NJ Aviation patrols and the Coast Guard are up but not detecting
- He thinks there were 1 or 2 sightings were we’ve gotten close, but the lights immediately go out — State Police are concerned for the safety of their pilots — worried about collisions — Unknowns: State Police says we have no idea where they are taking off
- We have no idea where they are landing, or who is behind them. No idea of drone types.- No idea because they are very large drones, no idea if they carry a payload- “Clearly there’s cause for concern”

- What is known: No daytime sightings, clearly choosing to operate under the cover of darkness. We know because we can see how long they can stay in one area. 6–7 hours. — We’ve gotten close but the lights go dark and they leave the area — They are flying over critical infrastructure
- Flying over Bedminster and our nuclear power plants — Mayors are adamant, they want an immediately ban on personal and commercial drones. This way, at nighttime, we’ll know it’s not us. There was unexpected pushback. on this.
- Pushback on the temporary drone ban was “that’s not a good idea” but many other mayors pushed back — However Municipalities can pass local ordinances — He needs other mayors to help pass the ban
- Governor’s office has reached out to him about why they believe a drone ban is not possible, but the mayors are pushing back and saying it’s “matter of national or local security”
- “We absolutely want a temporary ban on residential and commercial drones.” Appear to be monitoring NJ’s critical infrastructure.

Source: [Video statement](#), [Yahoo](#), [Yahoo](#), Also see summary written by NJ [Dawn Fantasia](#) (Assembly woman LD24 — Public Charter School Administrator) (archived [here](#)), also see [here](#)

December 11, 2024 (Wednesday)

Location: Mine Hill Township, Morris County NJ

Summary: “New Jersey Mayor: ‘Time to Shoot Down Drones’ Sam Morris of Mine Hill Township says Feds need to “start harvesting drones”. “Eleven

drones have gone over Picatinny Arsenal... Those drones should've been blown out of the sky. Why are we putting up with this?"

Source: [X Post/Video](#)

December 11, 2024 (Wednesday)

Location: Hunterdon County, NJ

Summary: "Commissioner Director Kuhl Demands Governor Murphy & President Biden Work Together To Impose 'A Drone No Fly Zone' Over New Jersey: Today, Hunterdon County Commissioner Director Jeff Kuhl, sent a letter to Governor Murphy calling upon him to work with President Biden to demand the FAA to immediately impose a no-fly zone for civilian and commercial drone operations in New Jersey.

Director Kuhl noted, "There have been multiple reports of drones operating in the vicinity near critical infrastructure facilities, including power plants, reservoirs, emergency operations centers, and military installations."

Commissioner Director Kuhl's letter was sent after participating in a briefing with local officials at the New Jersey Regional Operations Intelligence Center (ROIC) regarding the ongoing drone sightings that have been reported across our state.

There is still a great deal of uncertainty regarding the origins of these drones, including where they take off and land. However, the drone aircraft appear to be sophisticated, with the ability to evade detection. Mr. Kuhl added, "There continues to be limited intelligence as to who is responsible

for operating these drones, including the possibility of a foreign government. Given the continued uncertainty and the potential security risk these drones pose, we need our leaders at the state and federal levels to be proactive until this matter is fully investigated.”

Source: [Good Morning Hunterton](#) ([backup](#))

December 11, 2024 (Wednesday)

- Location: New Jersey
- Summary: Mysterious drones have been spotted across New Jersey in recent weeks, including near sensitive locations such as a military research facility. The drones, often larger models, have been reported by numerous residents, prompting an FBI investigation and public requests for information. Despite concerns, state and federal officials, including Governor Phil Murphy, stress there is no known threat to public safety.

Some claims, including one by U.S. Rep. Jeff Van Drew, suggest the drones may be linked to an Iranian “mothership” off the East Coast, though the Pentagon has denied this assertion. Residents remain alarmed, with 49 sightings reported on December 8 alone, primarily in Hunterdon County. Videos and eyewitness accounts describe the drones as distinct from airplanes or helicopters.

Drones are legal in New Jersey under FAA regulations, requiring certification for operators. However, lawmakers like Rep. Chris Smith criticize state and federal agencies for insufficient responses, urging swift

action to address public concerns. The investigation continues as officials work to identify the source and purpose of the drone activity.

- Source: [Fox 9 KMSP \(backup\)](#)

December 12, 2024 (Thursday)

- Location: Hillsborough Township, NJ
- Summary: “Report of Drone Crash in Hillsborough and Authorities Confirm No Evidence Found After Extensive Search”

“Strange drone sightings have been reported all over New Jersey in the past few weeks. These sightings have been happening in many places, including Sussex, Bergen, and Somerset counties, and no one knows where these drones are coming from or why they’re flying around.

On December 12, 2024, at 8:34 PM, Hillsborough police received a report of a drone that supposedly hit power lines near the Lowe’s store on Route 206 and crashed into a field. It led to a large-scale search involving local police, the Hillsborough Office of Emergency Management, Somerset County Office of Emergency Management, Hillsborough Volunteer Fire Company 38, Millstone Valley Fire Department, Robert Wood Johnson EMS, and the State Police Aviation Unit.

Teams searched on foot and used drones to check the area for hours, but no signs of a drone or crash were found. The search resumed the following day at 7:30 AM, with hazmat teams and the Millstone Valley Fire Department deploying drones for another sweep.

By 12:10 PM, the search was called off after finding nothing...”

- Source: [centraljersey.com](https://www.centraljersey.com) ([backup](#))

December 12, 2024 (Thursday)

- Location: Mine Hill, NJ (Morris County) — minutes from Picatinny Arsenal
- Summary: Mayor Sam Morris, Mine Hill NJ, goes on ABC News, and states: “I would invite Mr. Kirby to Mine Hill... I’ll go out behind my town hall, and you can count ‘em with me all night.”



Shot from ABC News Live 12/12/2024

The ABC News broadcast focused on reports of alleged drones spotted across New Jersey and Pennsylvania, which have caused concern among residents and officials. Mayor Sam Morris of Mine Hill, New Jersey, was interviewed about the sightings and his response to federal explanations.

Key Points:

1. Drone Sightings:

- Dozens of sightings have been reported since mid-November in New Jersey, with residents capturing videos of unidentified flying objects.
- Mayor Morris noted consistent activity in Mine Hill and nearby towns, with drones reportedly following programmed GPS paths and hovering in fixed patterns.

2. Federal Response:

- John Kirby from the White House stated there is no evidence the drones pose a national security or public safety threat. He suggested many sightings were likely manned aircraft operating lawfully.
- Mayor Morris strongly disagreed, calling Kirby's explanation "nonsense" and inviting him to witness the phenomenon firsthand.

3. Drone Characteristics:

- According to Mayor Morris, the objects do not behave like small planes. Instead, they exhibit methodical, back-and-forth movements resembling the pattern of the retro video game Pong.

- He dismissed the idea that the drones were ordinary manned aircraft due to their hovering behavior and consistent flight paths.

4. Potential Threats and Public Concern:

- Mayor Morris assured residents there appears to be no immediate malicious intent, as the drones are brightly lit and not attempting to hide.
- However, he expressed concerns about potential safety risks, such as drones malfunctioning and falling from the sky.

5. Call to Action:

- Mayor Morris urged the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Administrator Michael Whitaker to acknowledge and investigate the issue seriously, criticizing the lack of transparency from federal authorities.
- He emphasized that residents deserve answers to alleviate their concerns.

The broadcast concluded with a commitment to follow up on the story as more information becomes available. Mayor Morris expressed hope that authorities would take the sightings seriously and provide clarity to the public.

- Source: [ABC News — YouTube](#) ([backup](#)), [X Post: ABC news clip](#) ([backup](#))

December 12, 2024 (Thursday)

- **Location: Picatinny Arsenal:** American military research and manufacturing facility located on 6,400 acres of land in Jefferson and Rockaway Townships in Morris County, New Jersey
- **Summary:** CBS News 24/7, The Daily Report, video in front of the Picatinny Arsenal: “FBI Investigating New Jersey Drone Sightings — Calls for limited state of emergency over surge over flying objects.”
- **Source:** [X Video Clip](#)

December 12, 2024 (Thursday)

Location: New York & New Jersey

Summary:

1. Drone expert Brett Velicovich questions the government’s lack of info, hinting at foreign-adversary operations.
2. White House national security spokesman John Kirby reiterates that many reported sightings are actually lawfully operated manned aircraft; no confirmed restricted-airspace violations.
3. Senators Chuck Schumer, Kirsten Gillibrand (NY), Cory Booker, and Andy Kim (NJ) send a letter asking the FBI, FAA, and DHS to brief lawmakers on the drone activity.

Key Individuals/Details:

- Brett Velicovich (drone expert)

- John Kirby (White House national security spokesman)
- Sens. Schumer, Gillibrand, Booker, Kim

December 12, 2024 (Thursday)

- Location: New York City, NY
- Summary: WPIX New York City, NY: “Invaded by drones’: Feds might use enhanced radar to track NJ drones — The federal government may soon be taking more steps to figure out why drones are flying over the tri-state area.

Hundreds of lawmakers and mayors were invited to a New Jersey State Police-led meeting on Wednesday at the Regional Operations and Intelligence Center in Ewing, N.J. Leaders told PIX11 News they didn’t learn much at all, but were promised that the drone sightings are being seriously investigated.”

- Source: WPIX New York City, NY: Yahoo (backup)

December 12, 2024 (Thursday)

Location: Washington, DC

Summary: “New York and New Jersey senators seek federal briefing on NJ drones — Senate Democrats from New York and New Jersey on Thursday requested a federal briefing on the mysterious drones that have appeared in

New Jersey recently, which federal officials have claimed they have no information about.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) last week issued two flight restrictions on the area surrounding President-elect Donald Trump's Bedminster golf club in New Jersey, following questionable drone activity. The drone sightings were first reported on Nov. 18.

An FBI official on Tuesday claimed the bureau does not know much about the drone activity, or who is behind it, but said the agency has not seen anything that would lead it to believe the drones pose a danger to the American public.

Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand, Cory Booker, Andy Kim, and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer sent the request to FBI Director Christopher Wray, Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, and FAA Administrator Michael Whitaker, asking for information on how they are working “to identify and address the source of recent unmanned aerial system activity.” ...”

Source: Just the News (backup)

December 12, 2024 (Thursday)

Location: NJ

Summary: Philadelphia Inquirer: Reports of puzzling drone sightings across New Jersey and Philadelphia suburbs have prompted the New Jersey

Division of Fire Safety to issue safety guidelines (via an “Intelligence Bulletin”) for fire departments on handling potential drone crashes. While no verified large drone crashes have occurred, fire crews are advised to wear protective gear, set up safety perimeters of over 300 feet, and contact police, hazmat teams, the bomb squad, and the FBI in such scenarios. Concerns include potential hazardous materials in drone wreckage.

The sightings, which have increased since mid-November, include locations near critical infrastructure, military facilities, and President-elect Donald Trump’s golf club, as well as residential areas. Social media has amplified public interest, with many reports describing unusually large drones. Government officials, including New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, have found no evidence of threats or foreign involvement but have sought federal assistance for further investigation. Calls for more public information persist, despite assurances that the drones pose no safety risks.

Amid public concern, a drone reportedly crashed in Pequannock Township, N.J., but it was identified as a hobby drone. Fire departments, such as Mount Laurel’s, have been instructed to use air monitoring equipment during responses and remain cautious due to heightened public scrutiny and uncertainty surrounding these incidents.

“Larry Fox, deputy chief of the Mount Laurel Fire Department, said Monday that his department received the alert electronically through the fire safety division’s threat task force on Dec. 12.”

The actual briefing doc was leaked to Reddit hours later. Ross Coulthart on News Nation and Fox News referenced it:



NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY
INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN
FIRE THREAT TASK FORCE



INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN 24-1

Recommendations For Encountering Downed UAV's

Issued December 2024

Overview:

The NJ Division of Fire Safety has developed several guidelines when encountering downed Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) in collaboration with the NJSP & FBI Newark office.

Safety Recommendations:

- 1) Downed or landed drones **should not be approached.**
- 2) Utilize the Emergency Response Guidebook - Guide 111 to establish isolation and evacuation distances (330 feet in all directions initially)
- 3) Fire service members should utilize full PPE with SCBA when establishing the isolation and evacuation distances and not reenter the zones once established.
- 4) Notify Local Law Enforcement and the FBI (1-800-225-5324)
- 5) Request the NJSP Hazardous Materials Response unit and local Haz-Mat team.
- 6) Hazardous Materials Response Teams should approach the incident as an unknown and follow established environmental monitoring procedures as such (to include Radiation monitoring).
- 7) Request the nearest bomb squad.
- 8) Be aware that electronic devices and two way radio systems may malfunction in the immediate area.

This is a law enforcement incident, extinguish any fire and secure the perimeter.

Suspicious activity with a possible nexus to terrorism, targeted violence, or other related activity should be reported immediately, per existing protocols. Activity can also be reported 24/7 to NJOHSP's CTWatch at 866-4SAFENJ (866-472-3365) or ctwatch@njohsp.gov.

Please feel free to contact your regional fire coordinator with any additional questions or concerns.



Source: [Philadelphia Inquirer \(backup\)](#), [Fire Engineering on X \(backup\)](#), [Good Trouble Show X Post](#) (who verified the document via NJ state officials), [Philadelphia Inquirer \(backup\)](#)

December 12, 2024 (Posted Dec. 13, 2024)

Location: Round Valley Reservoir, NJ, multiple locations across Hunterdon county

Summary: NJ Senator Andy Kim: “Last night I went out with local police to spot drone flying over New Jersey, here’s what I saw. We drove to Round Valley Reservoir and the officer pointed to lights moving low over the tree line. Sometimes they were solid white light, others flashed of red and green.”

“We oriented ourselves with a flight tracker app to help us distinguish from airplanes. We often saw about 5–7 lights at a time that were low and not associated with aircraft we could see on the tracker app. Some hovered while others moved across the horizon. 2/11”

“We saw a few that looked like they were moving in small clusters of 2–4. We clearly saw several that would move horizontally and then immediately switch back in the opposite direction in maneuvers that plane can’t do. 3/11”

“The police officer said they see them out every night. They only seem to start when it gets dark and they disappear before dawn. They get reports that they sometimes fly low over homes, especially up in the hills. 4/11”

“The officer said they’ve tried to get closer with use of a helicopter but that the drones would turn off the lights and go dark if approached. 5/11”

“The parking lot at the reservoir had a number of cars of people coming to take a look for themselves. Several shared with me their own stories of having seen some up close. One described them being the size of the hood of a car. 6/11”

“I went to multiple locations across Hunterdon county to get different vantage points. This is a more rural part of NJ. It’s uncertain why it’s one of the more active area for reported activity. We are seeing reports through other parts of the state. 7/11”

“Any images or video footage people get, the police urge them to submit to the FBI, but I haven’t gotten any follow up yet from the FBI on their investigation and what they’ve compiled. 8/11”

“Homeland Security Secretary briefed last week on new technology they were deploying but we need details on what those efforts have yielded and if more resources are needed. If they haven’t fully identified the devices yet we still should know what is being done. 9/11”

“This has gone on for weeks. It’s hard to understand how with the technology we have we aren’t able to track these devices to determine origin and this makes me much more concerned about our capabilities more broadly when it comes to drone detection and counter measures. 10/11”

“I’ll continue to track these developments and share as much as possible to the people of NJ that deserve more answers than they are getting. END”

Source: Post on X by New Jersey Senator Andy Kim (backup), subsequent post (backup)

December 5, 9, 12-13, 2024

- Location: New Castle County DE, North Star DE, The Woods neighborhood Christiana area DE, near or over Dover AFB (claim with video), Georgetown DE, Delmarva Region DE, Salisbury MD, Salisbury MD, Wicomico County MD, Davidsonville MD, Saxis VA, also NJ/NY/PA area mentioned
- Summary:

X Post with video on 12/13/2024: “That’s flying over Dover AFB in Delaware, my back yard.”

Delaware Online, 12/13/2024: “In Delaware, formal reports of drone sightings have been minimal compared with New Jersey and even Pennsylvania, notably in Bucks County.

WBOC Delmarva summary 12/13/2024: “There have been two reports so far to New Castle County police. One on Monday, Dec. 9, in North Star, where the officer did not report seeing one, and another from The Woods neighborhood near I-95 in the Christiana area. The report from The Woods was for a claimed sighting on Thursday, Dec. 5, police said.”

Numerous drone sightings have been reported across Delmarva and beyond, prompting concern and calls for transparency from both local and federal authorities. Sightings occurred the evening of December 12 in multiple

locations, including Georgetown (DE), Salisbury (MD), and Saxis (VA). WBOC news crews recorded footage of at least one drone over Wicomico County, Maryland. Elsewhere, similar unmanned aerial activity has been noted in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, although federal and state officials stress there is no evidence of a security threat.

Former Maryland Governor Larry Hogan shared personal video of “dozens of drones” above his Davidsonville home, criticizing what he views as a “negligent response” by the federal government. Both Maryland Governor Wes Moore’s office and Dover Air Force Base acknowledged awareness of the incidents, with Dover AFB reporting it has not encountered any incursions but stands ready to respond. Local law enforcement in Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia, as well as the FBI in Baltimore, have also acknowledged the reports. Officials at Salisbury airport expressed concerns over unauthorized drones, while NASA’s Wallops Island Flight Facility warned that drone operators face penalties for entering restricted airspace.

- Sources: [Delaware Online](#), [WBOC Delmarva \(backup\)](#), [X post \(backup\)](#)

December 13, 2024 (Friday)

- Location: Morris County, NJ
- Summary: “Morris County Commissioners Issue Statement on Drone Activity”

“The **Morris County Board of County Commissioners** is calling on the federal government to marshal all federal resources at its disposal, including

the military, to end the unauthorized flight of drones over our county and other parts of New Jersey.

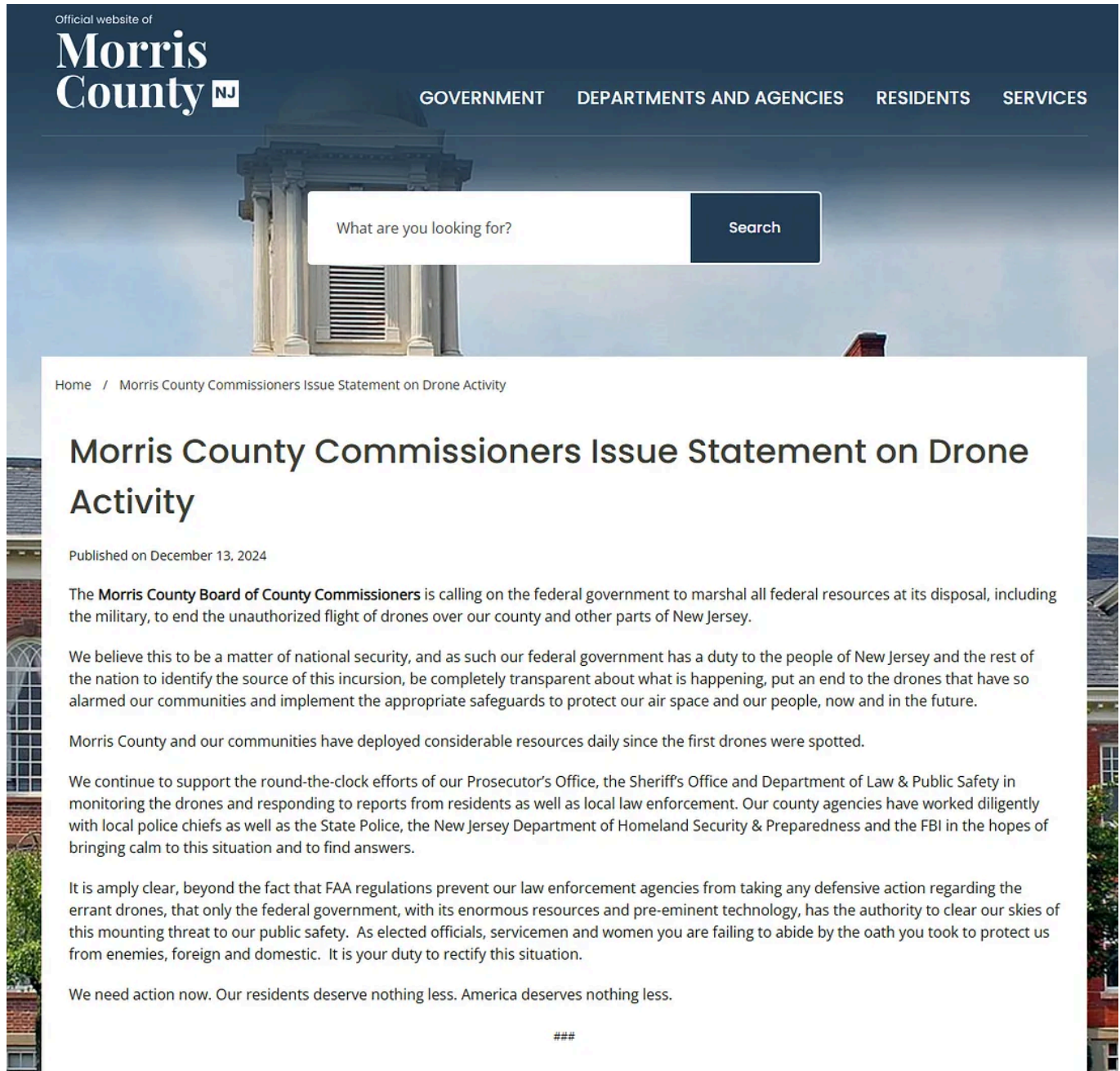
We believe this to be a matter of national security, and as such our federal government has a duty to the people of New Jersey and the rest of the nation to identify the source of this incursion, be completely transparent about what is happening, put an end to the drones that have so alarmed our communities and implement the appropriate safeguards to protect our air space and our people, now and in the future.

Morris County and our communities have deployed considerable resources daily since the first drones were spotted.

We continue to support the round-the-clock efforts of our Prosecutor's Office, the Sheriff's Office and Department of Law & Public Safety in monitoring the drones and responding to reports from residents as well as local law enforcement. Our county agencies have worked diligently with local police chiefs as well as the State Police, the New Jersey Department of Homeland Security & Preparedness and the FBI in the hopes of bringing calm to this situation and to find answers.

It is amply clear, beyond the fact that FAA regulations prevent our law enforcement agencies from taking any defensive action regarding the errant drones, that only the federal government, with its enormous resources and pre-eminent technology, has the authority to clear our skies of this mounting threat to our public safety. As elected officials, servicemen and women you are failing to abide by the oath you took to protect us from enemies, foreign and domestic. It is your duty to rectify this situation.

We need action now. Our residents deserve nothing less. America deserves nothing less.”



Screen capture from the official Morris County NJ website

- Source: [Official website of Morris County NJ](#). (backup)

December 13, 2024 (Friday)

- Location: Davidsonville, Maryland, above former Maryland Governor Larry Hogan's house, ~25 miles from Washington, DC
- Summary: The article reports on concerns over mysterious drones spotted along the East Coast of the U.S., including incidents near Washington, DC, New Jersey, and New York. **Former Maryland Governor Larry Hogan** shared footage of large drones flying above his home in Davidsonville, Maryland, for 45 minutes. He criticized the federal government's lack of information or action regarding the drones, which remain unidentified but are reportedly not seen as threats by federal agencies.

Senator Andy Kim of New Jersey also observed similar drones, describing them as clusters of lights making unusual maneuvers. The White House, FBI, and Department of Homeland Security have stated they are unaware of the drones' origins and do not consider them a public safety or national security threat. Officials, including New York Governor Kathy Hochul, have urged calm while investigations continue. Some sightings are believed to involve manned aircraft operating lawfully.

The mysterious drone appearances have fueled bipartisan calls for more transparency and urgent investigation.

- Sources: [NY Post \(backup\)](#), [X Post \(backup\)](#)

December 13, 2024 (Friday)

Location: Salem, NJ Nuclear Power Plant, Hope Creek Generating Station, Lower Alloways Creek Township NJ

Summary: “Ross Coulthart: FBI sources are telling me they are baffled by this “drone” phenomena. Insider at PSEG nuclear site in Salem NJ tells me they deployed anti-drone systems on multiple objects hovering over it but failed to bring them down.”

NY Post: “Van Drew said the company is “concerned about their nuclear facility” after a pair of drones was spotted this week hovering over the Salem Nuclear Power Plant and the adjacent Hope Creek Generating Station, both in Lower Alloways Creek Township, about 25 miles from Wilmington, Del., and 50 miles from Philadelphia.”

Source: [News Nation X Video](#), [NY Post](#) 12/14/2024: “NJ’s largest utility firm begs feds to shut down airspace over nuclear plant as mystery drones spotted” ([backup](#)), [News National Video Clip on X](#) ([backup](#)), [X post](#) ([backup](#))

December 13–14, 2024 (Friday)

Location: Naval Weapons Station Earle (NJ); Stewart International Airport (NY)

Summary:

- Naval Weapons Station Earle confirms “multiple instances” of unidentified drones in its airspace, though no direct threat identified.

- New York Gov. Kathy Hochul calls for federal assistance after a drone sighting at Stewart International Airport temporarily halts airport operations. She urges passing the Counter-UAS Authority Security, Safety, and Reauthorization Act.
- NY Post: “Mysterious drones have been hovering over several states in the Northeast for nearly a month, with recent sightings shutting down the runways at Stewart International Airport in New York for about an hour. Governor Kathy Hochul urged the Biden Administration to intervene by providing federal law enforcement resources to protect critical infrastructure. She also reiterated her call for Congress to pass the **Counter-UAS Authority Security, Safety, and Reauthorization Act**, which would grant state and local law enforcement expanded powers to handle drones. Sightings have been reported in New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and around New York City’s airports, prompting both state and federal agencies to investigate and coordinate efforts to address the ongoing issue.”

Key Individuals/Details:

- Bill Addison (Public Affairs, Naval Weapons Station Earle)
- Gov. Kathy Hochul (NY)
- Port Authority of New York and New Jersey statement
- Source: [ABC News \(backup\)](#), [X Post](#), [NY Post \(backup\)](#), [Newsweek \(backup\)](#), [Lake Geneva Regional News](#)

December 13, 2024 (Friday)

Location: Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton OH

Summary: “Drone Incursions Closed Wright-Patterson Air Force Base’s Airspace Friday Night — Wright-Patterson AFB, a high-profile base that’s home to critical Air Force units, is the latest installation to deal with mysterious drones.”

Source: [TWZ \(backup\)](#), [Fox 19 \(backup\)](#)

December 13–14, 2024 (Friday-Saturday)

- Location: Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton OH
- Summary:

Late Friday into early Saturday, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio restricted its airspace for roughly four hours due to multiple drone (unmanned aerial system) sightings. Base authorities monitored the drones, but officials reported no negative impacts on base residents, facilities, or assets.

The incident reflects a growing number of reported drone incursions near sensitive sites — including other military installations and critical infrastructure in the Northeast and overseas. While no direct security threat has been identified, investigations by local law enforcement and federal agencies are ongoing.

Experts note that increased media attention may be driving more people to report drone activity, and a significant portion of these sightings often turn

out to be misidentifications. Wright-Patterson itself is a key U.S. Air Force facility, hosting crucial Air Force commands, research operations, and intelligence units. Officials continue to urge vigilance and recommend reporting any suspicious drone behavior to authorities.

- Source: [CNN \(backup\)](#), [Fox News Video Clip on X](#)

December 13, 2024 (Friday)

Location: Monmouth County, NJ

Summary: “I got a call last night that people were seeing drones in Monmouth County, NJ. I raced there, and sure enough, I see one, then another. I filmed this with my iphone, and the video is not great. But I called my cameraman Nick and said come over here, and for the next two hours, we filmed about 50 of these drones flying overhead. That video, where you can clearly see these things, you can watch on @NewsNation when I report it with @EVargasTV at 5pm ET. If the military is not behind this, then it’s even more terrifying. These are fixed wing drones, multiple blinking lights, just cruising casually over residential neighborhoods and military sites. We need answers. #NJDRONES”

Source: [Post/Video by Rich McHugh](#), Investigative Correspondent, News Nation

December 13, 2024 (Friday)

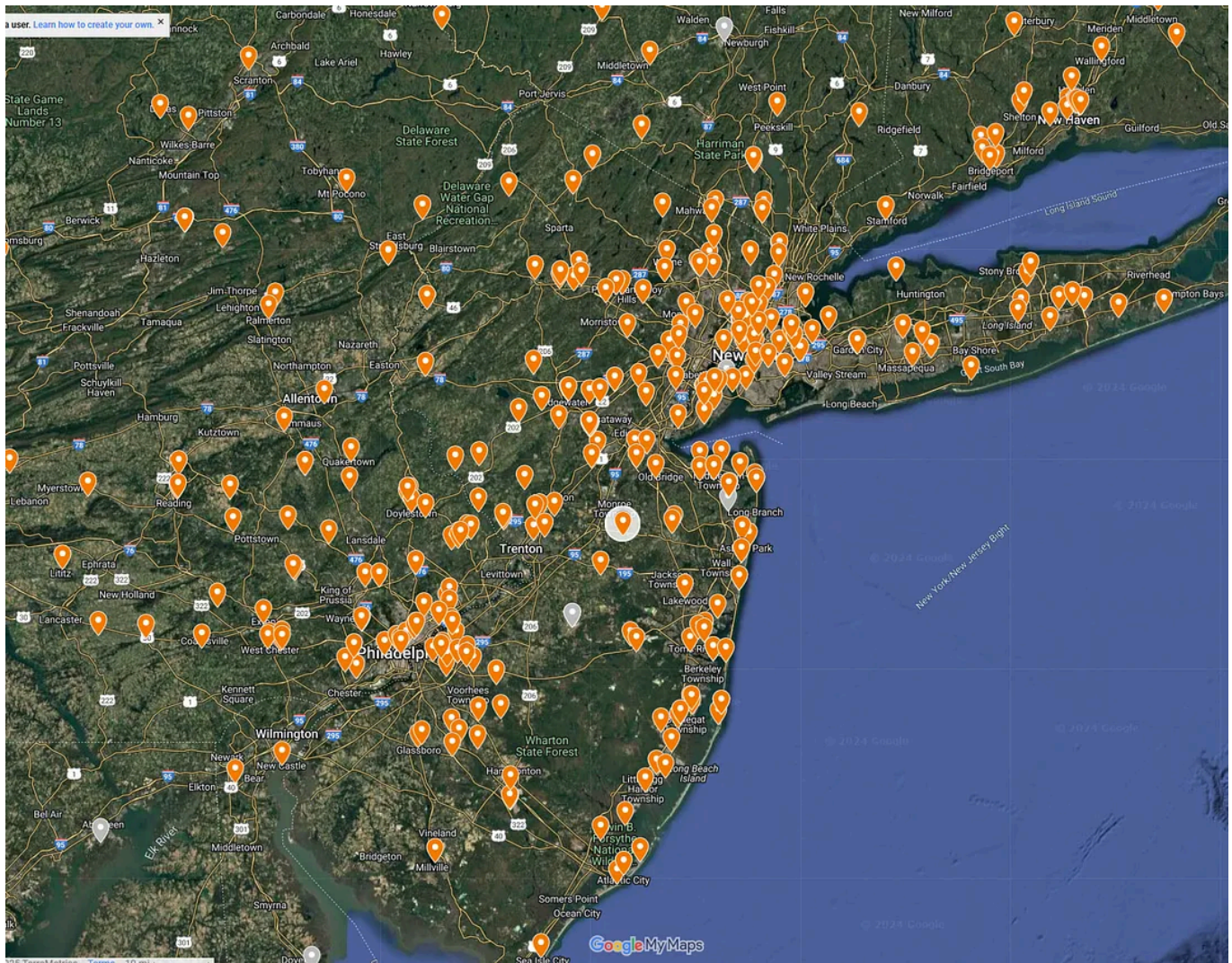
Location: NJ Coast

Summary: One officer called 9-11 was called after 50 “drones” were seen coming off the ocean. State Police, FBI, and Coast Guard were contacted. Coast Guard witnesses stated wing span was 8 feet. “Officer who launched an industrial drone to follow one of the NJ drones said it easily evaded him and then “disappeared out of thin air.””

Source: [News Nation Video on X](#)

December 13, 2024 (Friday)

Summary: Enigma Labs posts a map of 90+ NJ/PA/NY area “drone” sighting reports:



Source: [Enigma Labs map](#)

December 13, 2024

- Summary: President elect Donald Trump posts on Truth Social: “Mystery Drone sightings all over the Country. Can this really be happening without our government’s knowledge. I don’t think so! Let the public know, and now. Otherwise, shoot them down!!! DJT”



Screen capture from Huffington Post article

- Source: [Huffington Post \(backup\)](#), [CBS News \(backup\)](#)

December 13, 2024

Location: outside Gabreski Airport space, Suffolk County, New York

Summary: One drone spotted outside Gabreski Airport space

Source: [Forbes Breaking News — Press Conference](#)

December 13, 2024

- Location: US (unclear where the statement was made)
- Summary: President-elect Trump states on Truth Social: “Mystery Drone sightings all over the Country. Can this really be happening without our government’s knowledge? I don’t think so! Let the public know, and now. Otherwise, shoot them down!!! DJT”.



Trump's Trump Social post as it appeared in the media

- Source: [NY Post \(backup\)](#), [Livemint \(backup\)](#)

December 12 and 14, 2024

- Location: Andrews AFB
- Summary:

X Post 12/12/2024: "These are highly qualified witnesses (one is a military pilot) and they are reporting that these objects in the videos I've just posted tonight are very large amber lights with NO blinking and that occasionally military jets are flying around them as if checking them out... They are immediately over Andrew's Air Force Base."



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They are immediately over Andrew's Air Force Base.



X Post 12/14/2024: “Breaking: Tonight, Andrews AFB tower in direct contact with military & police helicopters over nearby DRONE activity! What’s flying in our skies?”

- Sources: [X Post](#), [X Post](#), [backup](#), [backup](#)

December 14, 2024

- Location: Salem Nuclear Power Plant and the adjacent Hope Creek Generating Station, both in Lower Alloways Creek Township, NJ
- Summary: “NJ’s largest utility firm begs feds to shut down airspace over nuclear plant as mystery drones spotted — [Congressman Jeff Van Drew](#) (R-NJ) confirmed to The Post that PSE&G filed the request with the Federal Aviation Administration on Friday.

The rare appeal comes amid a spate of mysterious drone sightings across the Garden State as well as in parts of Queens, Brooklyn, [the Bronx](#) and Staten Island.

Van Drew said the company is “concerned about their nuclear facility” after a pair of drones was spotted this week hovering over the Salem Nuclear Power Plant and the adjacent Hope Creek Generating Station, both in Lower Alloways Creek Township, about 25 miles from Wilmington, Del., and 50 miles from Philadelphia.

“[The incursion] wasn’t over the most sensitive area of the plants, but this had never happened before,” Van Drew told The Post.

The two drones were the size of “small SUVs,” much like the other drones seen flying over the state.

Van Drew said federal officials have received “thousands” of reports from New Jersey and New York residents who noticed drones in the skies above.

“We are not stopping until we get to the bottom of this,” Van Drew said.

State officials have been in touch with the White House, the FBI, Homeland Security, and the Department of Defense, seeking both answers and assistance. The first sightings in New Jersey were reported in mid-November.”

- Source: [NY Post](#) ([backup](#))

December 14, 2024 (Saturday)

- Location: Andrews AFB area ATC tower (Washington DC area ATC radio traffic)

- Summary: “Drone” spotted over Zone 3/Route 2. As soon as the individual reporting the sighting to Andrews ATC got within ~1 mile it accelerated away:

[00:00.000 → 00:08.000] We have a drone here in Zone 3 approximately 600 feet high.

[00:08.000 → 00:31.000] [unintelligible] ... we have three different drone-sized entities in Zone 3. [unintelligible]

[00:31.000 → 00:55.000] Do you have an aircraft covering over Upper Marlboro?

[00:55.000 → 01:11.000] [unintelligible] We have a traffic at 12 o'clock, 6 miles in your airspace, about 2,000 feet.

[01:11.000 → 01:15.000] Do you have it or 1,500 feet? You have it?

[01:15.000 → 01:19.000] All right, well, we're going to see what it is.

[01:21.000 → 01:23.000] Time clarification.

[01:23.000 → 01:29.000] So the drones that we received, we had a few drones high, about 900 feet MSL,

[01:29.000 → 01:34.000] and then two drones low, maybe about 600 feet MSL.

[01:34.000 → 01:41.000] They were in Zone 3 hovering around Route 2 right as you make the turn along the river.

[01:41.000 → 01:51.000] I'm just starting to see what we saw was stationary, and as soon as we got to a hint about a mile of it,

[01:51.000 → 01:55.000] it is accelerated, and good night to Bob.

- Source: [X post with tower audio \(backup\)](#)

December 14, 2024 (Saturday)

Location: Various (New York, New Jersey)

Summary:

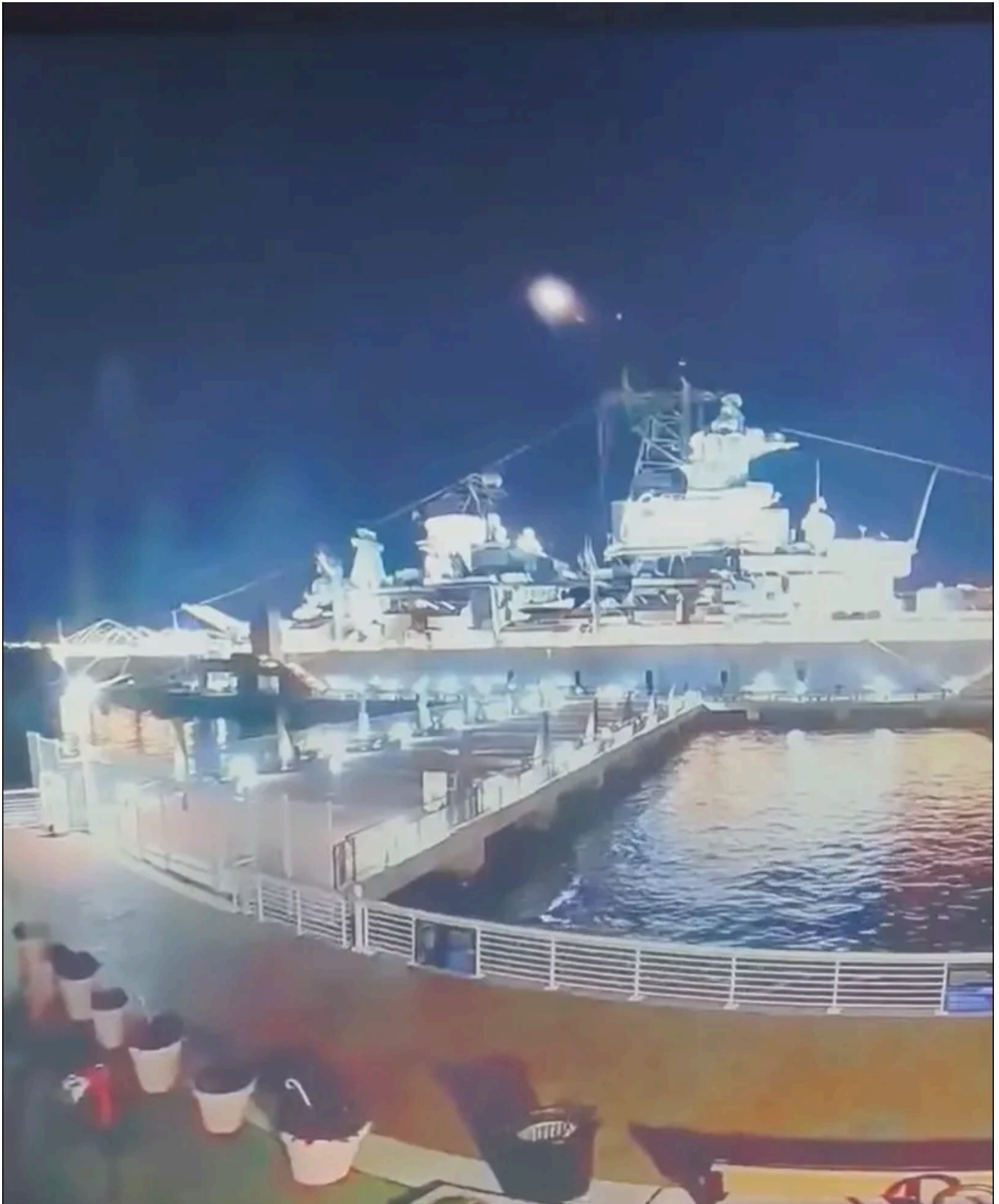
- Officials emphasize the federal investigation is ongoing. An FBI official says out of nearly 5,000 tips, fewer than 100 are credible leads.
- A DHS official suggests many “drone” reports are actually manned aircraft mistaken for drones.
- Overlays of reported drone-sighting locations match approach paths to major airports (Newark, JFK, LaGuardia).

Key Individuals/Details:

- FBI official notes 5,000 tips
- DHS official clarifies many sightings are misidentifications

December 14, 2024 (Saturday)

- Location: Battleship New Jersey (BB62), Camden, NJ
- Summary: Live nighttime webcam feed shows a large orb-like object going over the ship.



Battleship New Jersey BB62 Live Webcam

- Source: [X post with video](#), another [X post](#), and [another](#) (each with the same video)

December 15, 2024 (Sunday)

Location: Nationwide focus, with particular attention on New Jersey

Summary:

1. DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas says the federal government has deployed additional resources to assist New Jersey State Police.
2. Some sightings are confirmed drones; others are misidentified manned aircraft.
3. Rep. Chris Smith (NJ) proposes legislation empowering state/local authorities to track and neutralize suspect drones.
4. Sen. Chuck Schumer and Gov. Kathy Hochul push for the federal government to deploy high-tech “drone hunters.” Hochul announces the Biden administration will deploy advanced drone detection systems to New York.

Key Individuals/Details:

- Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas (DHS)
- Rep. Chris Smith (NJ)
- Sen. Schumer (NY), Gov. Hochul (NY)

December 15, 2024

Location: near Hillsborough, or east Hannover NJ area

Summary: “A New Jersey pilot claims he experienced a mysterious power failure as he approached one of the mysterious drones. According to his account, his aircraft’s battery suddenly died, causing it to go down, while the other drone remained stationary in the air, seemingly unaffected.”

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Source: MSNBC Reports [X Post](#)

December 15, 2024

Location: New Jersey (unknown town/county)

Summary: “Possible massive drone sighting in New Jersey. Decembet 15, 2024.” Note the 31 second video is unattributed and the exact location is unknown, so it’s unknown if the video can be trusted.

I’m including this video in this chronology specifically because (if it’s real) what it seems to show is similar to the then-famous July 2, 1952 Tremonton, Utah film by Delbert C. Newhouse, Chief Photographer, Commissioned Warrant Officer in the U.S. Navy. The USAF’s own analysis of the 1952 Tremonton Film showed objects which had accelerations in turns at up to 25G’s. The US Navy Marine-Photo-Interpretation Laboratory spent over a thousand hours analyzing the film.

Source [X Post with video by. @Truthpolex](#)

December 15, 2024 (date of post)

Location: Wright-Patterson AFB

Summary: “Wright-Patterson AFB ATC diverting ‘over base’ air traffic due to ‘unknown heavy UAS’ drone incursions.”

Source: [X Post with ATC audio clip](#)

December 15, 2024 (Sunday)

- Location: Trump Bedminster Golf Course
- Summary: A mysterious drone was reportedly chased away from Donald Trump's Bedminster Golf Course in New Jersey by a helicopter on Sunday morning, according to former New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman. Speaking to MSNBC, Whitman criticized the government's lack of clear answers regarding drone sightings, which have increased since the FAA allowed drones to fly at night in September 2023.

The FBI has received thousands of reports of drones, some near sensitive military sites, but a spokesperson admitted to Congress that the bureau does not know who is behind the sightings. The incident at Trump's golf course follows a broader trend of unexplained drone activity, including a recent temporary shutdown of a New York airport.

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas suggested the rule change by the FAA might explain the rise in drone sightings during dawn and dusk. He assured the public that additional federal resources are being deployed to address these issues, but the lack of concrete information has fueled speculation and conspiracy theories. Newsweek has sought comments from Whitman, the FBI, and Trump's golf club but has yet to receive a response.

"Well, everybody's talking about them right now," Whitman said. "I live in Hunterdon County, where this morning there was a helicopter that chased a drone away from Trump's national golf course [Bedminster] which is next door to the farm. They're there, but I think also you see a lot of sightings that

are small planes that sometimes will look as if it's hovering over you, the plane, because it's coming at you. That makes it look as if it's stationary.

“I don't think we have to worry, but what's frustrating is to have the government say well, there's no problem. We don't know what it is, but it's no problem. That's not a satisfying answer. We need better from the government.”

- Source: [Newsweek](#) ([backup](#))

December 15, 2024

- Location: Salem and Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Stations, Lower Alloways Creek, southern New Jersey
- Summary: “LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK — Two large drones have been spotted over two nuclear power plants in South Jersey responsible for generating half of New Jersey's electricity.

The drones were seen over the Salem and Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Stations on Thursday evening. Both plants are located on a single 740-acre site in Lower Alloways Creek.

PSEG Nuclear, which operates the plant, is working with “authorities” after the sighting, spokesperson Marijke Shugrue confirmed.

“PSEG is aware of reports of drones flying over the Salem and Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Stations. We have contacted the appropriate authorities,” Shugrue said.

Later Friday evening, drones in the airspace of an airport just north of New Jersey grounded flights for around an hour.



Drones spotted flying near nuclear power plants in Salem County

A company spokesperson made a statement in response to the incident.

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A drone sighting was reported Saturday night near two PSE&G nuclear power plants in Salem County.

- Source: [NJ 101.5 \(backup\)](#), [News 12 \(backup\)](#)

December 16, 2024 (Monday)

- Location: vicinity of Hill Air Force Base, Utah

- **Summary:**

Recent drone sightings have been reported near Hill Air Force Base, echoing similar reports along the East Coast. According to Hill Air Force Base officials:

No Operational Impact or Security Risk: The drones have not affected base operations or posed a security threat, but authorities continue to monitor the situation closely.

National Response: A joint statement from several federal agencies, including the FBI and Department of Homeland Security, confirms thousands of drone sighting tips nationwide — though no anomalous or dangerous activity has been identified.

Local Witness Accounts: A Fruit Heights resident saw what she believed to be around 10 drones over the base, describing them as hovering, bright lights that disappeared without a sound.

Base Regulations: Small unmanned aircraft are not allowed on or over the base. Anyone flying a drone within 5 miles of the installation must have prior authorization and follow strict altitude and time-of-day rules.

Reporting Suspicious Activity: Base officials encourage the public to report any drone sightings or other suspicious activity to local authorities or Hill's security forces.

- Source: [Fox13 Now \(backup\)](#), [KSL \(backup\)](#), [X post](#) by journalist Kristy Tallman, [KUTV \(backup\)](#)

December 16, 2024 (Monday)

Location: NJ and Newark, NJ

Summary: The FBI Newark and New Jersey State Police warn the public about the dangers of pointing lasers at aircraft and shooting at objects believed to be Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). They highlight:

1. **Laser Danger:** Increased incidents of pilots being blinded by lasers due to misidentification of manned aircraft as UAS.
2. **Weapon Use:** Concerns about people firing at objects they assume are UAS but could be manned aircraft, risking severe consequences.
3. **Misidentification:** UAS are often mistaken for satellites, stars, or other celestial objects, necessitating accurate identification to avoid accidents.
4. **Public Resources:** Online tools and apps are available to help the public distinguish UAS from other aerial objects.

The authorities stress the importance of accurate identification and responsible behavior to maintain safety.

Source: [FBI Newark X Account Post \(backup\)](#)

December 16, 2024 (Monday)

Location: New Jersey; National media coverage

Summary:

1. President-elect Donald Trump alleges the Biden administration knows more about the drones than it's sharing publicly.
2. New Jersey State Police and FBI (Newark) warn of people pointing lasers at pilots, mistaking manned aircraft for drones. Urge the public not to take matters into their own hands.
3. A multi-agency statement (DHS, FBI, FAA, DoD) says thousands of drone sightings seem to be a mix of legitimate commercial/hobby drones, manned aircraft, and mistaken observations (e.g., stars). No threat to public safety is identified.

Key Individuals/Details:

- President-elect Donald Trump
- FBI Newark Acting Special Agent in Charge Nelson Delgado
- [Joint statement from DHS, FBI, FAA, DoD \(backup\)](#)

December ~16, 2024 (Monday)

Location: NJ

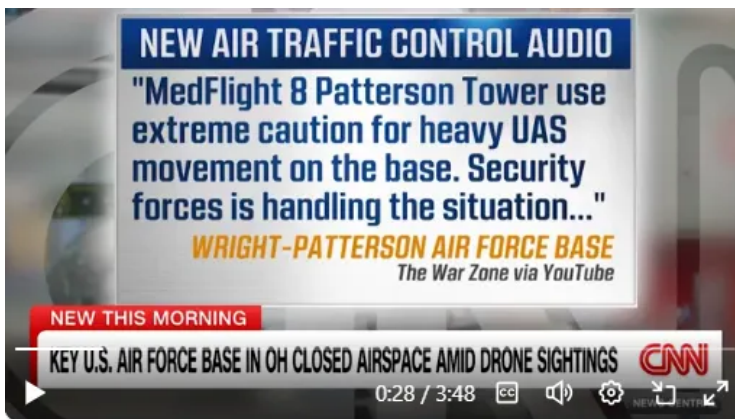
Summary: "Journalist Michael Shellenberger, has obtained a recording of the White House's drone briefing for the New Jersey mayors which included the FBI, DHS and FAA. "The mayors are livid. One of them got up there and said, 'I had two automobile-sized drones hovering over my house.'"

Source: [Fox News video clip on X](#) (or [here](#))

December 16, 2024 (Monday)

Location: Wright-Patterson AFB

Summary: “Key US Air Force Base in OH Closed Airspace Amid Drone Sightings”



Screen captures from CNN clip

Source: [CNN News Central Clip on X](#), [CNN](#) (backup)

December 16, 2024

Location: Washington Township, Morris County, New Jersey

Summary: You video description: “Matthew Murello is the Mayor of Washington Township, Morris County, New Jersey. Mayor Murello was one

of over 100 other New Jersey mayors who attended a government briefing on drone sightings in the State.”

Transcript summary: “In this episode of Judicial Watch’s “On Watch,” host Chris Farrell speaks with Mayor Matthew Murello of Washington Township (Morris County, New Jersey) about mysterious drone sightings across the state. According to Mayor Murello, the sightings began around mid-November, with local police and officials receiving numerous reports of unusual rotorcraft flying at night — often described as large drones, possibly six feet in diameter. When pursued by law enforcement helicopters or other drones, they abruptly turn off their lights and quickly leave the area.

Concerned about growing public unease, Mayor Murello and 20 other Morris County mayors co-signed a letter to Governor Phil Murphy, requesting an official explanation. This resulted in over 100 New Jersey mayors being summoned to the New Jersey State Police’s Regional Operations Center (the “ROIC” or “Rock”) in West Trenton for a briefing. However, instead of getting answers, the mayors were told that state authorities and Homeland Security had no concrete information regarding who was behind the drones or their purpose.

Mayor Murello notes that law enforcement has struggled to track these objects, mentioning that they do not appear to emit typical radio frequencies or beacons. Their flights occur primarily between dusk and around 11 p.m., and, intriguingly, no sightings were reported on Thanksgiving night. Attempts to dismiss these sightings as mere airplanes or conventional aircraft have been met with skepticism, particularly given the consistent, detailed accounts from residents across multiple New Jersey counties.

Although officials repeatedly stress there is “no perceived threat,” Mayor Murello expresses frustration over the lack of transparency. He emphasizes that if this is indeed a federal or state operation — perhaps surveying the area for security reasons — he would gladly accept some form of private assurance so he can properly inform and calm his constituents. In the meantime, he advises residents not to take matters into their own hands by shooting down any drones and instead use the New Jersey State Police tip line (1-866-4-SAFE-NJ) to report sightings.”

Source: [NJ Drone Update with Mayor Matthew Murello](#), [X Post with clip \(backup\)](#)

December 16, 2024 (Monday)

- Location: Trump Bedminster Golf Course
- Summary: “Trump Says He Canceled Trip to Bedminster Because of New Jersey Drones”
- Source: [Newsweek](#) ([backup](#))

December ~16–20, 2024

- Location: West Virginia, Virginia, FBI Campus in Clarksburg WV, Richmond VA, Bluefield, WV
- Summary: “Strange lights and ‘drones’ reported in West Virginia and Virginia”. “Governor Glenn Youngkin releases statement about drone

sightings in Virginia” Triangular-shaped drones spotted over FBI Campus in Clarksburg WV.

Governor Glenn Youngkin releases statement about drone sightings in Virginia



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- Source: [WVVA \(backup\)](#), [WVVA \(backup\)](#)

December 17, 2024 (Tuesday)

Location: Morris County, NJ

Summary: “Timelapse of 30 minutes of drone activity outside my window tonight in Morris County, NJ. This is 40 miles away from Newark Airport.”

Source: [X Post with video](#)

December 17, 2024 (Tuesday)

Location: Washington DC

Summary: Rep. Jim Himes attends a classified briefing in a Secure Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) and made a statement on video. Some X Influencers misquoted the rep’s statement, falsely claiming he said that the drones were a “Federal operation” (he actually stated the exact opposite). “Rep. Jim Himes of Connecticut, the top Democrat on the panel, said they were told that any drones sighted were **not operated by the Federal government** and no laws were being broken by drones that were being flown in the area.”

Source: [Various](#), [MSN](#), [Washington Times](#), [X Video Transcript](#)

December 17, 2024 (Tuesday)

- Location: White Settlement, Tarrant County, TX (northwestern TX), Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Forth Worth (NAS Joint Reserve Base), Texas Army National Guard recruitment center, Lockheed Martin facilities in North Texas

- Summary: “Suspicious drone activity reported in North Texas near military sites, authorities say”, by ShaCamree Gowdy, Amelia Mugavero

Authorities in **White Settlement, Texas**, are investigating reports of suspicious drone activity near neighborhoods and military-related sites, including the **Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth**, a **Lockheed Martin facility**, and a **Texas Army National Guard recruitment center**. Police received multiple calls about drones in the area on Tuesday night and coordinated with federal and military personnel to locate the pilots. Despite efforts to intercept the drones, they lost sight of them.

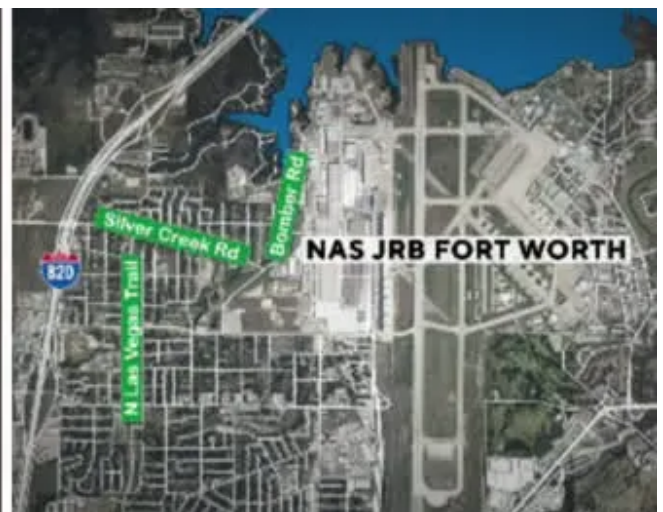
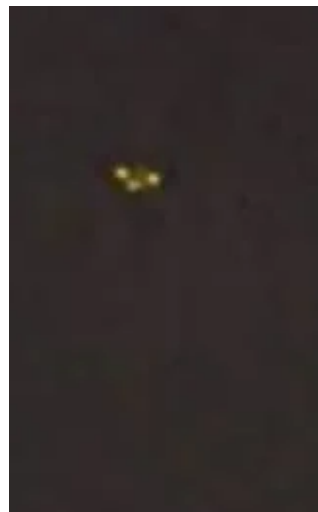
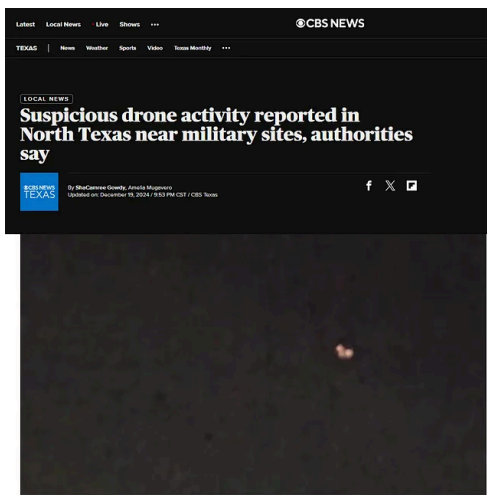
Local police are collaborating with the **FBI**, **NCIS**, and the **Air Force Office of Special Investigations** to analyze flight paths and identify those responsible. White Settlement, designated as a “No Fly Zone” near federal and military properties, has issued warnings about the risks drones pose, including potential catastrophic aircraft damage and unauthorized photography of sensitive sites.

Authorities stated there is no indication of immediate threats, but they are taking precautionary measures. The incident follows reports of unexplained drone sightings on the East Coast earlier in December. Federal agencies, including the **FBI** and **Department of Homeland Security**, have since clarified that those sightings largely involve lawful or misidentified aerial activity.

Austin American Statesmen (12/19/2024): “Following a series of drone sightings in New Jersey last week, unidentified drones have now been observed near the NAS Joint Reserve Base and Lockheed Martin facilities in North Texas.

According to investigators speaking to NBC DFW, residents and police officers began reporting drone activity after 8 p.m. on Tuesday. The drones, flying approximately 100 feet in the air, were seen in White Settlement, near high-profile military sites. Witnesses observed them in various groupings, sometimes flying in clusters of six, and at other times in pairs or trios.

The sightings continued for two hours with some reports coming from federal law enforcement, NBC DFW reported.”



- Source: [CBS News Texas](#) ([backup](#)), [Austin American Statesmen](#)

December 17, 2024 (Tuesday)

Location: Washington, DC

Summary: Briefing was on the 17th, the update/statement was on the 18th. U.S. Congressman **Josh Gottheimer** (NJ-5), a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, provided an update following

a **two-hour classified briefing on drone activity in the Northeast**. Key points:

1. Gottheimer stated that the recent drone sightings do not pose an **imminent threat to public safety** but emphasized the need for transparency.
2. He urged the **FBI and DHS** to **publicly brief the public** about their findings to alleviate concerns, particularly for residents in **New Jersey**.
3. He acknowledged the federal government's efforts to bring **drone monitoring equipment** to New Jersey and called for expanded monitoring coverage across the state.
4. Gottheimer stressed the importance of equipping **local and state law enforcement** with **permanent monitoring tools** to address drone threats near **military bases, reservoirs, airports, and homes**.
5. He committed to working with law enforcement and intelligence to introduce additional **legislation** to strengthen national security.

Location: Focused on **New Jersey** and the broader **Northeast** region.

Other posts related to this briefing:

12/16/2024 (the day before): "ODNI, FBI, DOD and CIA will conduct the briefing." (posted on X [here](#)).

12/17/2024: "Congressman Dan Crenshaw just came out of the Classified Briefing on the NJ drone situation given to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and said they weren't told anything new." (posted on X [here](#), [backup](#))

12/17/2024: Rep. Spanberger post-classified NJ drone briefing: “Nobody should ever feel fine ever” ([here](#), or [on X](#), backup [here](#))

Source: [X Post](#) (backup [here](#)), [release from US Congressman Josh Gottheimer](#) (backup)

December 17, 2024

- Location: Washington DC
- Summary: Pentagon claims “no connection” between the recent incursions at WP, Hill, Picatinny and other Air Force Bases. They instead attribute it to the large number of commercial drones flying around in the US.
- Source: [News Nation clip on X](#)

December 17, 2024

Location: Gabreski Airport space, Suffolk County, New York

Summary: Four drones spotted in/around Gabreski Airport space

Source: [Forbes Breaking News — Press Conference](#)

December 18, 2024

Location: New Jersey

Summary:

“In this opinion piece, Judge Andrew Napolitano describes a surge of large, mysterious drones hovering over New Jersey, with both federal and state authorities seemingly unable or unwilling to intervene. He argues that Americans possess a fundamental, natural right to self-defense — recognized by the Supreme Court — which should permit individuals or states to take action against threatening intrusions. However, federal statutes claiming control over air safety deter local or personal defensive measures.

Napolitano criticizes the federal government’s overreach for undermining states’ traditional power to protect their citizens and leaving people effectively “helpless” in the face of unknown aerial threats. He concludes by suggesting that states defy federal constraints to capture the drones, even hinting he might personally risk legal consequences by shooting one down if the government continues its inaction.”

Note: The Judge said that his own farm was overflowed by “drones” on his show.

Source: [Washington Times](#) ([backup](#))

December 18, 2024

- Location: Washington DC area

- **Summary:** The White House Working Group on the “space economy” hosted an interagency talk, focusing 70% on deep tech and 30% on UAP. The previous meeting included around 100 leaders from across U.S. interagency organizations. They invited participants to discuss work on UAP and AI, with a format of 5–10 minute quick briefs aimed at educating attendees on the topic and potential solutions.
- **Source:** X post

December 18, 2024

- **Location:** ~10 minutes from the 177th fighter squadron out of Atlantic City International Airport, ~15 minutes outside of Atlantic City, NJ
- **Summary:** “UAP Sighting in South NJ: A couple hours ago, the fighter squadron down the road from my house (approx. 15 min outside of Atlantic City, NJ) scrambled four F-16 fighter jets. My buddy and I were talking in the front yard, and a few minutes later, we noticed an extremely bright glowing orb in the sky. It was moving slowly towards my house, and after about 10 minutes, it started moving the opposite direction. It was probably somewhere around 25,000 feet and was visible for about an hour and a half before we lost sight of it. I used to work on airplanes in the Air Force and also know a lot about drones. I can confidently say this glowing object was neither. What the hell is going on here in New Jersey?! Below are a couple of unedited pics and videos I took from my Samsung phone.”



Source: Post by USAF Air Force Veteran Matthew Nelson on X (backup)

December 19, 2024

- Location: Alexandria, VA
- Summary: The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) issues an official statement to call for more transparency and government coordination on the drone issue.



SHERIFFS CALL FOR MORE TRANSPARENCY AND GOVERNMENT COORDINATION ON DRONE ISSUE

December 19, 2024 – (Alexandria, V.A.) – The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) President Sheriff Kieran Donahue (Canyon County, I.D.) and Sheriff Michael Mastronardy (Ocean County, N.J.) released the following statement in response to the drone issue in New Jersey and the Biden Administration lack of information and transparency.

"The National Sheriffs' Association stands by Sheriff Mastronardy and other Sheriffs who have been at the forefront of this matter, engaging in dialogue and investigating on behalf of citizens of their jurisdictions. As the President of the NSA, I continue to be deeply concerned by the lack of transparency and deliberate stonewalling of information from the Biden Administration. They have continually failed to provide adequate information or assistance to local law enforcement in response to the drone issue in New Jersey and elsewhere, and it has left the American people on edge," said Sheriff Donahue. "Our federal government can't have it both ways, where one agency refuses to admit the drones exist while another sets regulation to limit them and ban airspace. Is there something they are not telling the citizens of this country, or is it that they just don't know? Either way, the rhetoric is unacceptable and dangerous. Just tell the truth."

"Our federal partners need to communicate better with local agencies. We need to understand all the facts of the situation that has vast effects on our communities and the ability for me to keep them safe and communicate effectively to what citizens should be doing," added Sheriff Mastronardy. "Additionally, federal regulations must keep up with technology and there should be more coordination and resources for local law enforcement to deal with these situations in the future."

The National Sheriffs' Association is one of the largest non-profit associations of law enforcement professionals in the United States, representing more than 3,000 elected sheriffs across the nation, and with a total membership of approximately 10,000 individuals. NSA is dedicated to raising the level of professionalism among sheriffs, their

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deputies, and others in the field of law enforcement, public safety, and criminal justice. Throughout its eighty-four-year history, NSA has also served as an information resource for all law enforcement, as well as local, state, and federal government agencies.

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National Sherrifs' Association releases statement in response to drone sightings

On December 19, the National Sherrifs' Association (NSA) released a [statement](#) calling for further transparency and government coordination in response to the recent [drone sightings](#) across the United States. The NSA represents over 3,000 elected sherrifs across the US and is their primary advocacy group in Washington DC.

The statement, released by NSA President Sheriff Kieran Donahue (Canyon County, I.D) and Sheriff Michael Mastronardy (Ocean County, N.J.) alleges a lack of transparency and the withholding of information by the Biden Administration, with Sheriff Donahue stating:

"As the President of the NSA, I continue to be deeply concerned by the lack of transparency and deliberate stonewalling of information from the Biden Administration. They have continually failed to provide adequate information or assistance to local law enforcement in response to the drone issue in New Jersey and elsewhere, and it has left the American people on

- Source: [National Sheriffs' Association](#), [Facebook post \(backup\)](#), [C-UAS Hub \(backup\)](#)

December 19, 2024 (Thursday)

- Location: NJ
- Summary: **FAA Drone Ban in NJ:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) imposed temporary flight restrictions (TFR) in multiple cities across New Jersey — ranging from Camden and Gloucester City to Bridgewater, Edison, and Jersey City — citing “special security reasons.” These areas are designated “National Defense Airspace” through January 17.



Scope of Restrictions: The restricted areas cover a one-nautical-mile radius from the ground up to 400 feet — the typical upper limit for recreational drones. Violators risk civil penalties, the suspension or revocation of their pilot certificates, and possible criminal charges. The FAA warns that drones posing an imminent security threat could face deadly force.

Unclear Reasoning: The bans come on the heels of federal agencies downplaying earlier reports of mysterious drone sightings. FAA officials now affirm that drones have been operating over parts of New Jersey, but they have not provided detailed explanations for issuing bans at this time.

Legislative Hurdles: Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer tried to expedite a bipartisan bill that would grant local law enforcement more authority to track and disable drones, responding to public concerns about unexplained drone flights. However, Senator Rand Paul blocked the bill, citing worries over privacy, civil liberties, and Fourth Amendment issues.

Call for Better Technology: Schumer and other lawmakers are pushing for improved drone-tracking technology to determine who is operating the drones and whether they pose national security concerns. Officials maintain there is no evidence of foreign interference or imminent public safety threats, but the unexplained nature of the sightings continues to raise questions.

- Source: [6ABC Action News](#) ([backup](#))

December 19, 2024 (Thursday)

Location: Various communities in New Jersey

Summary:

- The FAA bans drone flights near “critical infrastructure” in New Jersey through Jan. 17, covering 22 communities (including Camden, Elizabeth,

and Jersey City).

- Investigations by federal, state, and local authorities are ongoing; officials urge the public to keep reporting any sightings.
- As of this date, origin and purpose of the drones remain unknown.

Key Individuals/Details:

- FAA
- TFR affecting 22 communities
- Ongoing multi-agency investigation

December 19, 2024

Location: Pentagon, Washington DC

Summary: “PENTAGON: Military May Take Down Drones Over Bases Responding to today’s FAA drone ban over parts of New Jersey: “Our commanders, if they observe UAS activity they believe represents a threat — they have the authority to conduct mitigation operations.”

Source: [Video of statement on X](#)

December 20–22, 2024 (Friday-Sunday)

- Location: Barksdale AFB

Summary: “Drones” spotted and videoed over east side of base.

Source: Ronald Bilak (ex-USAF, 20 years DD-214 provided)

December 19-20, 2024

Location: Critical infrastructure in New York, New York City, Long Island

Summary: “The FAA has published another 30 temporary drone flight restrictions over critical infrastructure in New York. The move effectively bans recreational (but not commercial) drones from flying within one nautical mile of New York City and Long Island electrical power stations.”

“FAA Now Issues Restrictions But Will PULL It Right Before Trump gets inaugurated. The Federal Aviation Administration issued temporary flight restrictions prohibiting drone flights over parts of New Jersey following an influx of sightings in recent weeks. The notice, which expires Jan. 17, 2025, said drone operations in support of national defense, homeland security, law enforcement, firefighting, search and rescue or disaster response missions are not included in the restrictions.”

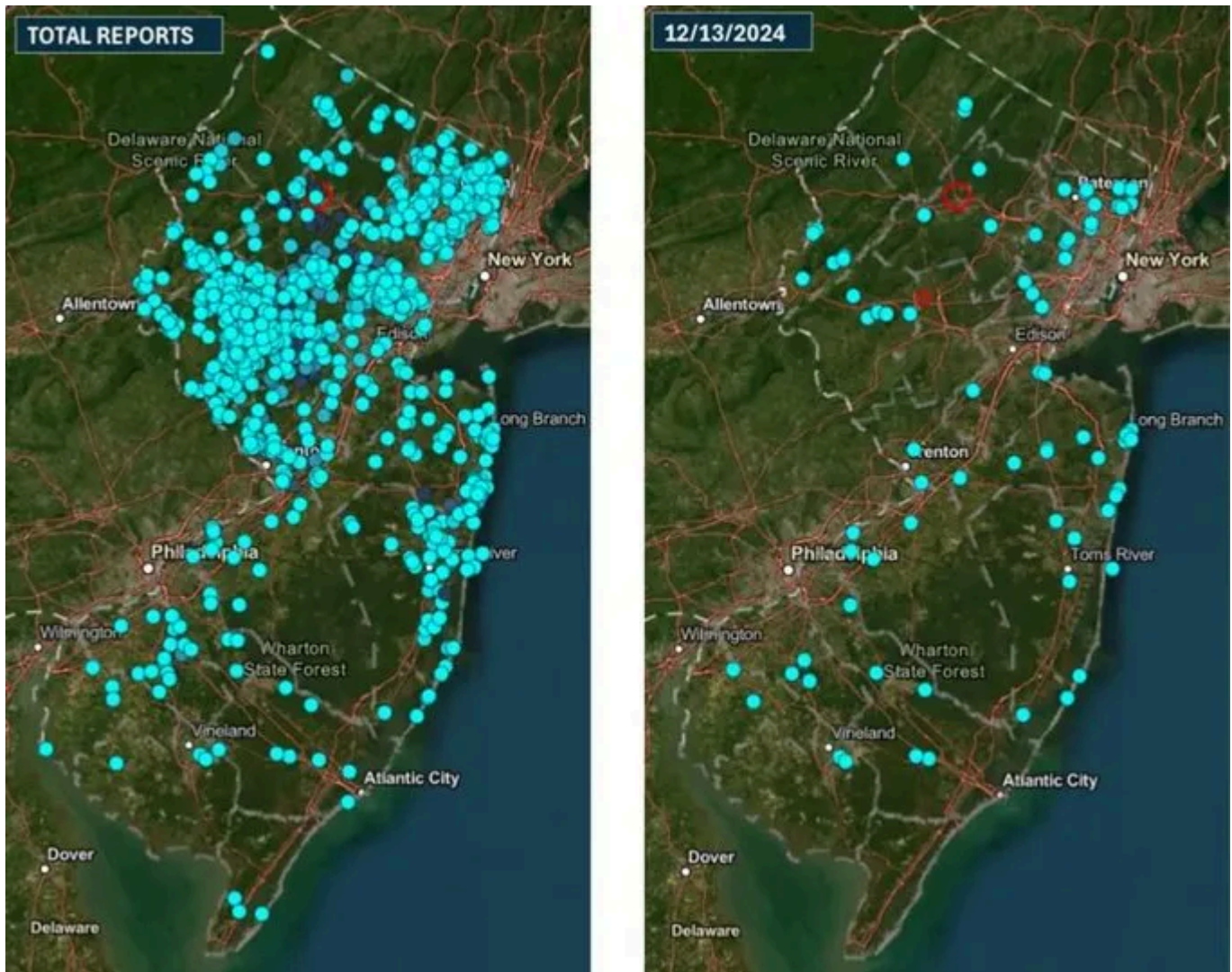


- **Location:** Barnegat Light, New Jersey
- **Summary:** “A New York Post article details a U.S. Coast Guardsman’s frustration over federal officials dismissing claims that a fleet of 12 to 30 drones followed their rescue vessel off Barnegat Light, New Jersey. The incident occurred earlier this month during a nighttime patrol aimed at investigating increased drone sightings.

The crew observed drones flying approximately 80–100 feet above them, matching the vessel's speed (around 20 knots) for 15 minutes before climbing higher and veering toward the shore. The drones, described as large with flashing green, red, and white lights, did not resemble hobbyist drones or aircraft. The Coast Guardsman rejected claims that the crew mistook airliners or hobby drones for the swarm, emphasizing their familiarity with such objects.

White House spokesman John Kirby attributed the sightings to a mix of commercial, hobbyist, and government drones, as well as misidentified planes and stars, asserting no national security threats have been identified. The Guardsman accused the government of downplaying the incident, suggesting the drones were likely of government origin.

The article notes a surge in drone activity over New Jersey and New York since November 18, with over 1,000 sightings reported in New Jersey alone. Federal authorities, including DHS and the FAA, have faced backlash from local lawmakers for the lack of clear explanations, fueling public skepticism and unease.”



NJ State Police Maps of recent drone sightings (published by NY Post)

- Sources: [NY Post \(backup\)](#), [X Post \(backup\)](#)

December 21, 2024 (Saturday)

- Location: NJ, NY, etc.
- Summary: Summary of “Nuclear Power Plants Report Massive Uptick In Drone Sightings” (The War Zone, December 21, 2024, by Howard Altman)

1. Overall Drone Activity Increase (December 10–17, 2024)

- According to data from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), U.S. nuclear facility licensees reported 15 drone events from January 1 through December 10. By December 17 (1 p.m.), the total jumped to 26.
- NRC spokesman Dave McIntyre explained that before January 2024, nuclear power plant operators voluntarily reported drone flyovers to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), local law enforcement, the FBI, and the NRC itself.

2. Notable Nuclear Plant Incidents

- **Salem and Hope Creek Generating Stations** (Lower Alloways Creek Township, Salem County, New Jersey): PSEG (Public Service Energy & Gas) confirmed a drone flyover on December 14, 2024. Salem is a dual-unit pressurized water reactor facility; Hope Creek is a single-unit boiling water reactor site.
- **Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station** (Tonopah, Arizona): Revisited in the article for context. In September 2019, it experienced multiple drone overflights nicknamed “drone-a-palooza,” which raised concerns about possible future attacks.

3. FAA Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs)

- **New Jersey TFRs:**

On December 18, the FAA banned drone flights under 400 feet around 22 critical infrastructure facilities in New Jersey, including Hope Creek

Generating Station. Restrictions last until January 17, 2025, with the possibility of an extension.

- **New York TFRs** (Issued December 20, 2024):

The FAA published 68 TFRs (first 30, then another 38) prohibiting drone flights under 400 feet in a one-mile radius around critical energy infrastructure across New York State. These restrictions last until January 18, 2025.

4. Federal Agency and State Responses

- **NRC:** Receives initial drone overflight reports from power plant licensees, then forwards them to the FBI for further investigation.
- **FBI:** States that out of about 5,000 drone sighting reports, fewer than 100 merited further investigation.
- **DHS:** Has repeatedly stated there is “no evidence of a threat” but underscores caution, prompting TFRs to discourage potentially unsafe or risky drone flights.
- **FAA:** Issues TFRs in consultation with other federal security partners.
- **New Jersey State Police and FBI:** Urged the public not to shoot lasers or guns at unknown aerial objects after multiple laser incidents were reported at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

5. Military Installations Reporting Drone Intrusions

- **Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst** (New Jersey): Pilots of 15 aircraft (fixed- and rotary-wing) reported being struck by lasers from the ground

since December 7, 2024. One pilot required brief medical attention.

- **Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton (California):** Confirmed multiple drone incursions in December 2024.
- **Hill Air Force Base (Utah):** Reported drone incursions in mid-December 2024.
- **Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (Ohio):** Its airspace was closed earlier in December because of drone activity.
- **Naval Weapons Station Earle (New Jersey):** Also reported drone incursions.
- **US Coast Guard Vessel:** Experienced unknown drones following it.
- **Four USAF Bases in the U.K.:** Saw drone overflights in November 2024.
- **Ramstein Air Base (Germany):** Reported recent drone sightings.

6. Context and Concerns

- **Historical Trend:** Drone flights over nuclear facilities have nearly doubled from 12 in 2019 to 23 in 2023, with 2024 seeing an even higher spike.
- **Security Implications:** Small drones can carry payloads that could damage infrastructure or spy on security measures. A 2020 drone attack on a U.S. power facility raised additional red flags.
- **Ongoing Investigations:** Federal authorities continue to examine whether recent increases in suspicious drone activity at nuclear power plants are connected to the broader rise in reports around U.S. military and critical infrastructure sites.

The article underscores the growing concern over drone incursions at nuclear power plants and other critical infrastructure, alongside simultaneous drone sighting spikes at military installations and energy facilities across the United States and overseas.

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- Source: [The War Zone](#) ([backup](#))

December 22, 2024 (Sunday)

- Locations: Picatinny Arsenal (New Jersey), Earle Naval Weapons Station (New Jersey), Salem Nuclear Power Plant (Salem County, New Jersey), Coast Guard Incident off Ocean County (New Jersey), New Jersey State Police Observations (Multiple Counties), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Restrictions, Langley Air Force Base (Virginia) & Andrews Air Force Base (Maryland), California, Florida, the U.K.
- Summary: “Drones over New Jersey: Mystery continues month after first sightings | NewsNation Special — For the second week in a row, NewsNation’s Ross Coulthart will examine the enduring mystery of the drones being spotted over New Jersey and other states.”

In this NewsNation “Reality Check” segment (aired December 22, 2024), host Ross Coulthart examines a series of mysterious drone or UAP (Unidentified Aerial Phenomena) sightings primarily in New Jersey. Local residents, law

enforcement, and military personnel have reported large, silent craft hovering near sensitive sites such as nuclear power stations, major military facilities, and populated areas. Despite repeated denials or dismissive explanations from federal agencies, sightings continue to mount, causing concern over potential security risks and leading some officials to call for far greater transparency.

Congressman Chris Smith (New Jersey) and Assemblywoman Dawn Fantasia express frustration with the federal government's approach, which they describe as "gaslighting." They cite credible sightings from trained professionals — Coast Guard and State Police officers — who say the objects fly in unusual patterns, sometimes extinguish lights when pursued, and even appear to affect nearby drones electronically. According to these officials, the objects consistently violate restricted airspace, including near Picatinny Arsenal and Earle Naval Weapons Station.

Lue Elizondo, previously involved with the Pentagon's AATIP (Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program), criticizes the White House and Pentagon's messaging as either deliberately evasive or lacking competence. He points out that many reported objects exhibit highly advanced capabilities — such as silent flight, signature management, and instant acceleration — that go beyond any conventional drones. Elizondo suggests that authorities either truly do not know who or what is behind these incursions or they are hiding the truth.

A private defense intelligence company, Skywatcher Technologies Corporation, has been on the ground in New Jersey assisting various agencies. Representatives Jake Barber and "James" note that some of these craft appear to be far more sophisticated than standard commercial drones, maintaining formation and evading detection. They raise the possibility of a

foreign adversary — like China — using advanced drone technology for surveillance, citing previous Chinese aerial incursions, including a high-profile spy balloon incident and suspicious drone activity near U.S. military installations.

Coulthart closes by underscoring the growing public desire for direct answers. Many viewers and officials reject the official explanation that “it’s nothing unusual,” believing the government has failed to reconcile witness reports with its own dismissive statements. The continuing mystery, combined with the potential security risks to America’s most sensitive facilities, has fueled suspicion of secrecy or incompetence at high levels. Coulthart promises ongoing coverage of the unfolding situation.

- Source: [NewsNation YouTube](#)

December 22, 2024 (Sunday)

Location: above the runway at Iwakuni Airport, also MCAS Iwakuni, Japan

Summary: “Drone reports close airport at US air base in Japan, divert passenger flight”

Another report: “In response to an inquiry to the Ministry of Defense, we received the following: We request a summary report on the incident in which a drone-like object was spotted above the runway at Iwakuni Airport on the evening of the 22nd, leading to the temporary suspension of operation of the runway.

When we checked with the U.S. side about the situation at MCAS Iwakuni on the 22nd, they prioritized safety and temporarily closed the runway to investigate the sighting of a drone above the runway.

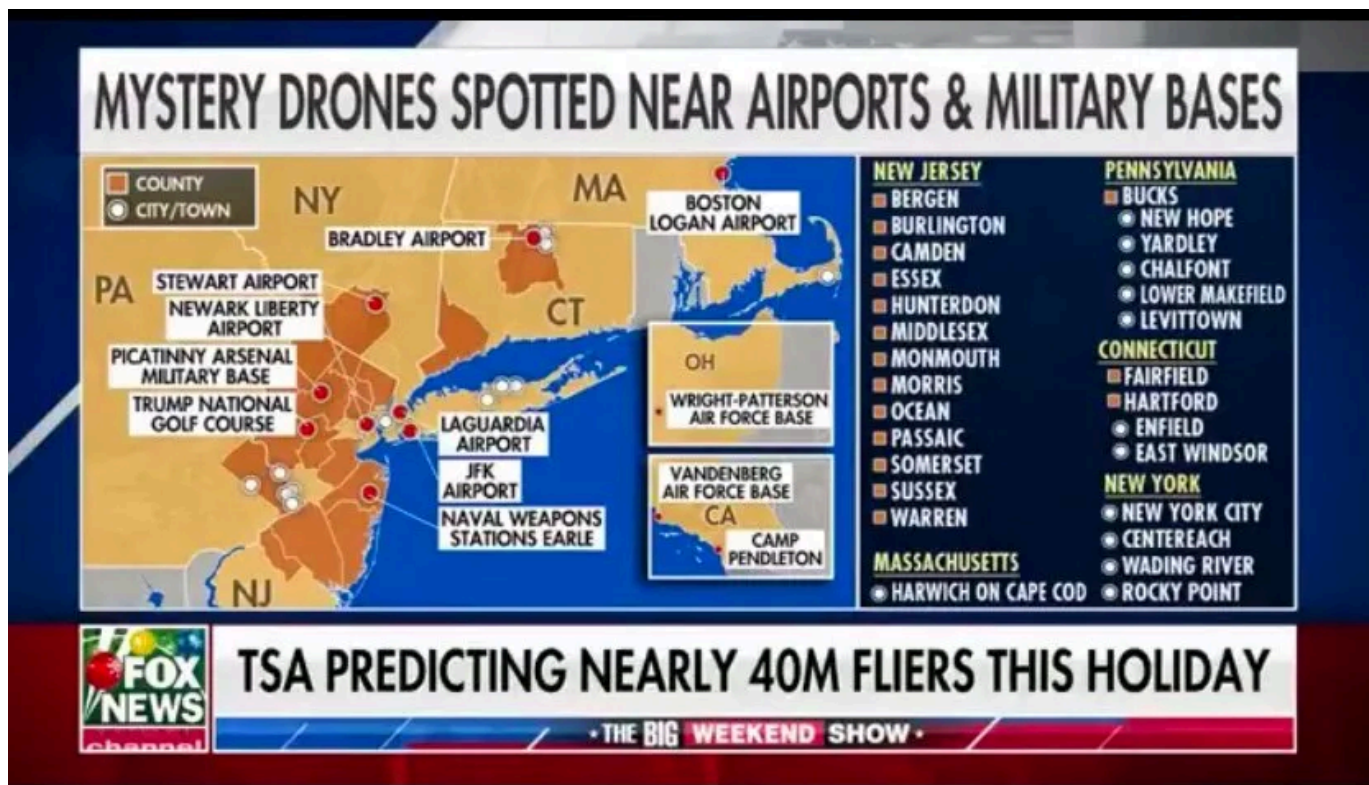
We were then informed that they determined that there was no threat to aviation safety and resumed operation of the runway.

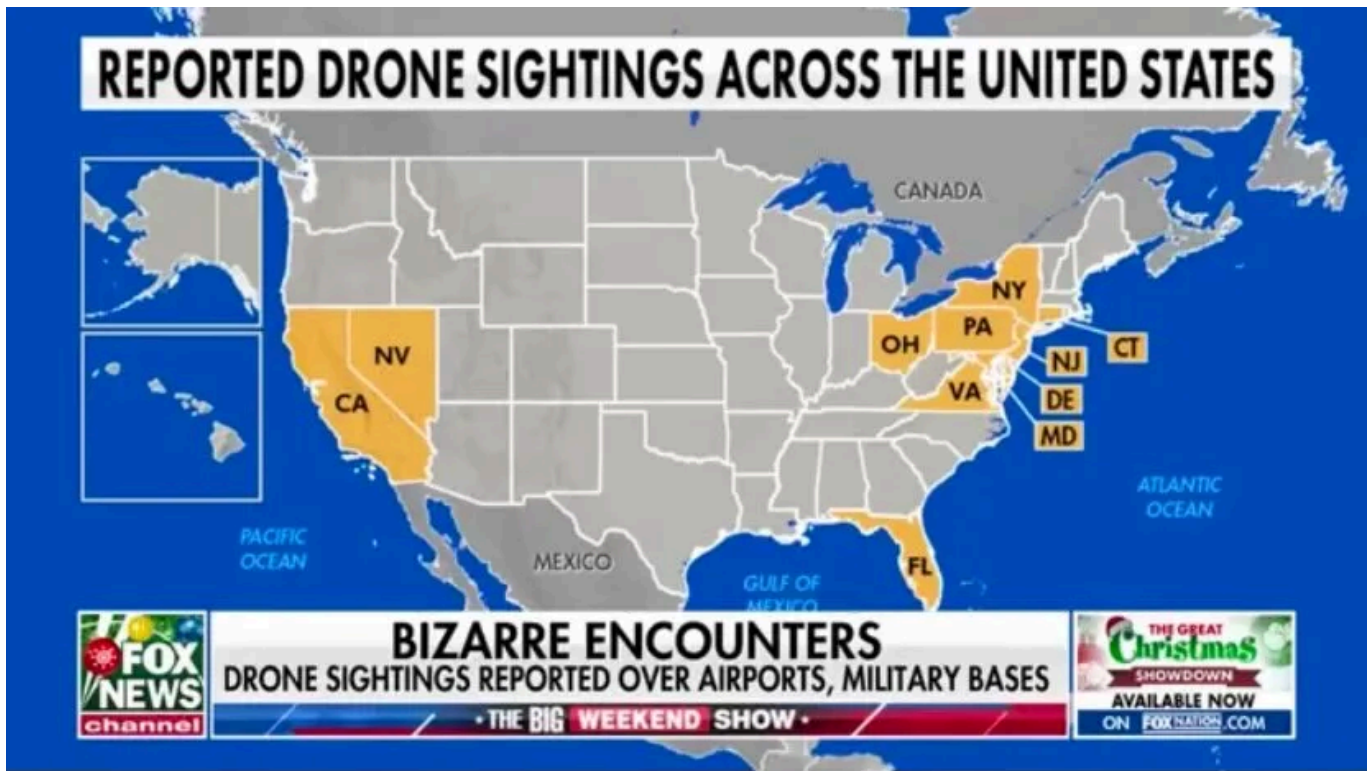
We understand that the U.S. side is currently investigating the facts of the matter further.”

Source: [Stars and Stripes](#) ([backup](#))

December 22, 2024 (Sunday)

Summary: Maps shown on Fox News, the *Big Weekend Show*:





Source: [Fox News video on X](#)

December 24, 2024 (Tuesday)

- Location: New Jersey
- Summary: “In Christmas Eve the FAA expanded the number of No Fly Zones for drones in NJ to encompass water treatment plants & the ferry slips. Previously they were primarily above nuclear facilities, power plants & substations.”
- Source: [Mary Walter Radio podcast](#)

December 24, 2024 (Tuesday)

Location: Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey

Summary: “7 Drones Over Northern New Jersey Flew Toward NYC on Christmas Eve — Mayor Ryan Herd “Drones were coming over the house in a very specific pattern.” The Pequannock Township mayor says the objects weren’t on radar & the drone activity continues. “They’re still out there.””

Source: [Video statement posted on X](#)

December 24, 2024

Location: Gabreski Airport space, Suffolk County, New York

Summary: Six drones reported near (or inside — unclear) Gabreski Airport space

Source: [Forbes Breaking News — Press Conference](#)

December 25, 2024 (Article, Event was in Aug. 2024)

- Location: Flying in a small airplane in clear air at 9,000 feet, flying somewhere between the panhandle of Texas and Houston
- Summary:

In this NY Post article, former NASA astronaut and Space Shuttle commander Dr. Leroy Chiao recounts a startling incident from August 2024 when he was flying his private plane from Colorado to Houston. Around 9,000 feet in clear conditions over the Texas panhandle, two metallic, spherical objects — each roughly three feet in diameter — sped past the left side of his aircraft, missing him by about twenty feet.

Chiao describes the objects as “orbs” that made no appearance on his onboard radar nor were they mentioned by air traffic control. He speculates they might have been some type of military drone but admits he cannot be certain. Chiao emphasizes that it was “dumb luck” they did not collide with his plane, underscoring how quickly the encounter occurred and how severe the outcome could have been.

The article also notes ongoing reports of similar orb- or drone-like sightings in New Jersey, Staten Island, and elsewhere — some allegedly showing high-performance capabilities. Recent local news chopper footage even captured what appeared to be a similar orb flying at high speed over the Hudson River. Additionally, the Pentagon has released radar footage of an unidentified orb moving through military-controlled airspace, stating they cannot identify it.

- Source: [NY Post \(backup\)](#), [Jerusalem Post \(backup\)](#), [News Nation](#)

December 25, 2024

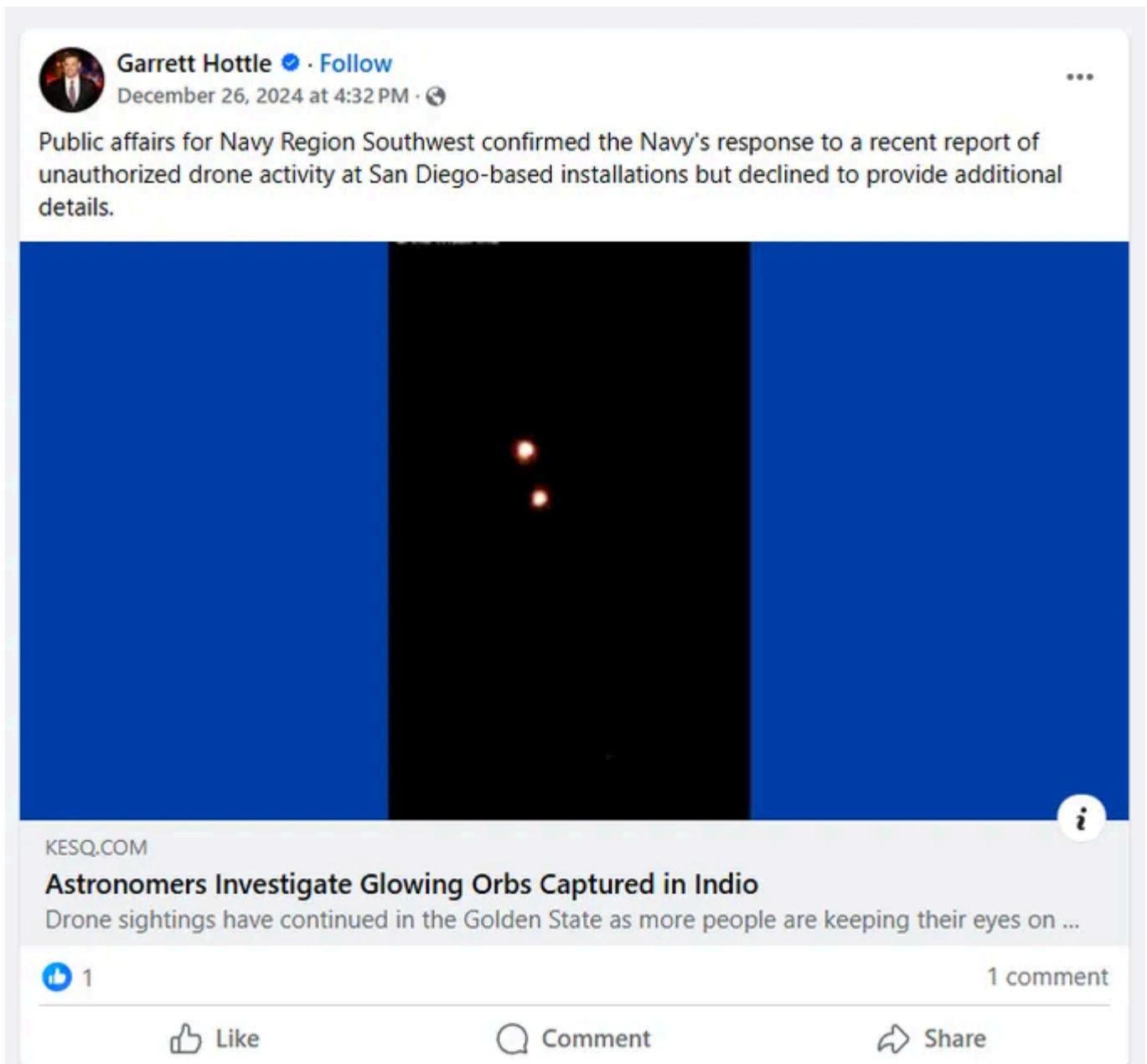
Location: Gabreski Airport space, Suffolk County, New York

Summary: Seventeen drones reported, 13 “hovering around the airspace” and 3 immediately outside of Gabreski Airport’s airspace

Source: [Forbes Breaking News — Press Conference](#)

December 26, 2024

- Location: Navy Region Southwest, San Diego-based Navy installations
- Summary: Anchor Garrett Hottle, KESQ News Channel 3: “Public affairs for Navy Region Southwest confirmed the Navy’s response to a recent report of unauthorized drone activity at San Diego-based installations but declined to provide additional details.”



- Source: [Facebook Post \(backup\)](#)

December 30, 2024 (Monday)

- Location: West side/gate of Barksdale AFB
- Summary: "Monday night, time 1905. West side of Barksdale. Same area as first time. 3 together, triangle formation, movements seemed precise."

- Source: Ronald Bilak (ex-USAF, 20 years DD-214 provided)

January 1, 2025 (Wednesday)

- Location: Above Belmar, New Jersey
- Summary: EM effects/GPS jamming in private aircraft: “My husband is a private pilot and also flies for the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Yesterday, he decided to take a short flight since the weather was nice. Before he went, he noticed that the FAA very quietly increased the number of Drone No Fly Zones in NJ to include water treatment plants, the ferry slips & the piers at Earle. That happened Christmas Eve. So he was just flying down the NJ coast at around 2500 ft, practicing turns. He was near Belmar when all 3 GPS units simultaneously lost their GPS signals. Two are part of the plane. The 3rd is on his iPad that he uses for redundancy. All 3 units regained GPS at the same time. Less than a minute later his primary flight display went out. This has a less than 1% chance of failure as it is critical to flight. He shut everything off (except the engine), rebooted and it never came back. He thinks it may have been an EMP hit along with possible GPS jamming & he filed a report with the FAA.”
- Source: Mary Walter, Radio Host, Newsmax commentator, Host of the Mary Walter Radio podcast: X Post

January 1, 2025 (Wednesday)

- Location: New Jersey

- **Summary:** (CBS) FAA expands drone flight restrictions in New Jersey. Drones are now restricted in 9 more municipalities in addition to dozens of municipalities already under restriction. “It’s unclear why the new restrictions were put in place”.
- **Source:** [Reddit](#)

January 2, 2025 (Thursday)

- **Location:** Lakenheath
- **Summary:** “Four “drones” are up tonight — local witnesses making videos.”
- **Source:** [Holly Wood](#), [Ross Coulthart](#) (News Nation)

January 2–3, 2025 (Thursday)

- **Timeframe of sightings:** Primarily in December 2024 (including just before Christmas) and continuing into late December and early January 2025.
- **Location:** Multiple locations across New Jersey, including Manalapan Township, Atlantic City, Somerset, Bound Brook, and Northern New Jersey, near key transportation and military sites (e.g., Newark Airport, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst).
- **Summary:**

New Jersey has seen a flurry of unusual drone — or possibly UFO — sightings throughout December 2024 and into the new year. Witnesses have reported seeing large craft, in some cases the size of small buses or private jets, flying silently and performing uncharacteristic maneuvers. Two residents in Manalapan Township, for instance, filmed a 25- to 50-foot-long black triangular craft on December 18, 2024, that executed a high-speed turn before heading toward Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. Around the same time, an Atlantic City observer captured video of a “flying saucer” that flickered and changed shape, only to be followed moments later by a basketball-sized red or pink light streaking across the sky.

Despite a decline in official reports to authorities over the holiday season, New Jerseyans continue to relay accounts of strange aerial vehicles hovering or moving unpredictably at low altitudes. One driver recently described seeing as many as 20 or 30 such “drones” while traveling through northern New Jersey, with a couple of them either drifting slowly or shooting straight upward and disappearing. In Somerset, a witness claims to have spotted a craft large enough to be a private jet passing low over residential areas — only to discover it was not on any commercial flight radars. He later learned from a relative in law enforcement that two additional large drones were seen in the same vicinity.

As officials and experts weigh in, opinions differ sharply. On one side, ex-FBI counter-drone unit chief Rob D’Amico insists that the “drone hysteria” is largely the result of misidentifying normal, manned aircraft. However, new Senator Andy Kim has assured the public that state and federal investigators are still actively probing roughly one hundred unexplained cases, using a range of detection technologies like thermal sensors and specialized radar. Meanwhile, Dr. Sean Kirkpatrick, former head of the Pentagon’s UFO-hunting office, has raised concerns that foreign or domestic actors could be

systematically testing U.S. defenses under the guise of harmless drone flights, gathering intelligence on how swiftly authorities respond.

Overall, the sightings remain shrouded in mystery. Many eyewitnesses are convinced they saw genuine anomalies, pointing to the silent operation and astonishing size of these objects, while skeptical experts suggest it may simply be regular planes, helicopters, or drones mistaken for something more exotic. Regardless, the state of New Jersey finds itself at the nexus of ongoing debates over official scrutiny, public curiosity, and a growing wariness regarding unidentifiable craft in the skies.

- Source: [Dailymail.co.uk article](#) (backup [here](#)) by Matthew Phelan, Senior Science Reporter for dailymail.com, also see [summary on X](#)

January 3, 2025

- Location: Gabreski Airport, Suffolk County, New York
- Summary:

On January 3, 2025, Suffolk County officials — led by Sheriff Errol Toulon Jr. and County Executive Ed Roma — held a press briefing at Gabreski Airport to address growing concerns about unauthorized drone activity in restricted airspace. They emphasized a significant increase in drone sightings around the airport over recent weeks, including numerous reports on December 13, 17, 24, and 25. Officials underscored that flying drones near airports poses serious risks to both civilian and military flight operations, threatening public safety and potentially enabling malicious acts.

Sheriff Toulon detailed the potential legal and financial repercussions for operating drones in restricted airspace without permission. Violations can lead to hefty federal and state fines, criminal charges, possible seizure of the drones, and in extreme cases, imprisonment. He urged residents to register new drones with the FAA, learn the relevant airspace rules, and avoid restricted zones near airports.

County Executive Roma called on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the FBI to step up enforcement efforts, investigate illegal drone flights, and prosecute individuals operating drones recklessly. He also noted that while small drones can pose dangers, larger drones — some reportedly the size of a car — present even greater risks.

To combat the problem, Suffolk County's Fire Rescue and Emergency Services (FRES) plans to deploy an advanced drone detection system at Gabreski Airport. This technology will help identify unauthorized drones and pinpoint operators so authorities can intervene. Officials concluded by encouraging the public to report any suspicious drone activity to local law enforcement.

- Source: [Forbes Breaking News YouTube](#) (which was deleted ~60 minutes later — oddly), [Forbes Video](#) (posted later with fixed date), [YouTube Transcript](#), [Video of Press Conference on X](#), [Riverhead News Review \(backup\)](#)

January 3, 2025 (5:30pm)

- Location: Bronx, NYC NY

- Summary: X post: “UAP Orbs recorded over the Bronx, New York tonight. (01/03/25)”. Reddit: “Party over the Bronx at 530 pm 1/3/25" with video.
- Source: [X Video Clip](#), [Reddit](#) ([backup](#))

January 3, 2025 (reported Jan. 4, 2025)

- Location: Køge Marina, Denmark, close to Copenhagen
- Summary:

“Police investigate drones over Køge — Late Friday evening, several drones were observed flying around in the air over Køge.

At 10:30 p.m. on Friday evening, the Central and West Zealand Police received a report that several drones had been seen in the air over Køge.

“The reporter thought he had seen up to 20 larger drones flying around the area around Køge Marina. We therefore sent a patrol to the area, and they managed to see four of the drones themselves,” says Deputy Police Inspector Michael Sehedsted.

The last drones were seen around 01:16, when they disappeared over the sea at high speed.

“We currently have no knowledge of where the drones came from or what they have been doing. We have been in contact with several other authorities in the case, but at present we have no knowledge of why the drones were over Køge. We are now trying to investigate that,” says Michael Sehedsted. If anyone has any knowledge of who owns the drones, the Central and West Zealand Police would like to hear from them on 114.

The police currently have no further information in the case.”

- Source: [politi.dk \(backup\)](#), [X Post \(backup\)](#), [X post with video](#)

January 5, 2025

- Location: [Fort Campbell](#) (Kentucky/Tennessee border), Queens NY
- Summary: “Strange footage captured over the US appeared to show a hovering UFO with an odd glow over a military base.

An anonymous user posted the footage from Tennessee to Reddit, showing the “bright orange light” over Fort Campbell, a base on the border with the state of Kentucky. The user said their father, who had significant military experience, was unable to explain what was behind the light.

They wrote: “My dad, a former soldier with nearly 30 years of Army experience and extensive knowledge of the aircrafts that fly over his house, said he couldn’t explain what he saw — this was unlike anything he’d encountered before...”

“Just after midnight, my dad was outside watching fireworks when he noticed a bright orange light flying relatively low and maintaining a steady, consistent speed as it traveled from the northwest — where both Fort Campbell and the local airport are located,” the user said according to the Mail Online.

“My friend, dad, and I watched the object together and were surprised it had no additional lights, as one might expect on a drone... Initially, I thought it might be a hobbyist drone capturing footage of the fireworks for the New

Year, but the apparent distance it was flying has made me second-guess that assumption.”

Onlookers were confused by the orb, which appeared to be similar to other objects spotted in the US recently. Reddit user @YogurtclosetFlat5701 posted a video on December 27 and said they saw “four strange orbs in formation in what is supposed to be a no-fly zone” in Brookville Blvd, Queens, New York.”

- Source: [mirror.co.uk article](#) ([backup](#))

January 6, 2024

- Location: X post from Morris County NJ
- Summary: Morris County NJ resident and US Army Veteran (5 years Field Artillery Officer, Fort Hood TX) [Greg Scaduto](#) posted this statement on the “drone” incursions:

“If you served in the US military, you should stop pretending that these reports of drone incursions in NJ and elsewhere need not cause concern.

I am a US Army veteran who does not actively use social media, so I created a profile on X after being deeply troubled by the lack of support received by UAP whistleblowers like David Grusch, [@LueElizondo](#), David Fravor, and Ryan Graves ([@uncertainvector](#)), all of whom have recently testified before Congress in televised hearings. In solidarity with them, and as not only a veteran but a resident of Morris County, New Jersey, I feel compelled to state the following:

No, it is not normal for thousands of people to report seeing drones in the skies over New Jersey.

No, they are not planes. How do I know this? Because planes have existed since 1903, and this is the first time citizens are calling the police in alarmed confusion at what they are seeing in the sky, with DoD voicing concern and apparent bewilderment in their public statements addressing this.

No, it is not normal for the commanding general of one of our most sensitive military installations like Wright Patterson to close its airspace due to drone sightings. Can any of us recall leaving the motor pool early because no one knew what those aerial objects were that appeared to be collecting intel? Speaking for myself, I cannot.

Finally, No, it is not normal that DoD's public commentary in response to a brazen affront to American sovereignty with "yes there have been thousands of reports of drones near sensitive military installations and over your neighborhoods. We don't know what they are, but you shouldn't worry about it". Just listen to the words of the Pentagon Press Secretary, and see if there is a clear denial of the validity of the concerns raised about these obviously anomalous objects. You will not find one.

David Grusch, a former GS-15 DoD employee assigned to the UAP Task Force, who was cleared to see some of the most sensitive UAP information imaginable, submitted evidence to the Inspector General regarding DoD's unacknowledged special access programs. He said these programs operate outside Congressional oversight and are funded illegally with taxpayer money. The purpose of these programs, he says under penalty of perjury, was to recover and reverse engineer non-human "technical vehicles". Given Grusch's credentials and the 6 consecutive failed audits of the defense

budget, revealing trillions of dollars in unsubstantiated transactions, it's reasonable to say that these claims are worth of an honest and independent inquiry.

In the hearings that were public, Grusch could not divulge specific evidence like names, locations, and pertinent documents and photographs, because he did not want to spend the rest of his life in prison or living alone in a Moscow flat. Because major outlets could not be bothered to publish anything that resembled investigative journalism on this topic, he has been widely ridiculed on social media and in hit published as opinion pieces devoid of journalistic rigor. Elizondo and Graves have received similar treatment. This is wrong. Further, it represents a spectacular failure on the part of the Fourth Estate in holding our elected leaders accountable to the rule of law.

As veterans, how long will we pretend any of this is normal, or allow our everyday demands to keep us in a state of oblivion regarding a topic that is at once profound and disturbing? As officers and senior NCOs, we all held security clearances and know that something being classified is not the same as it not existing. Let's be a little smarter and have more empathy for those who took the same oath we did, and show all signs of simply trying to do the right thing. We can do much better.

If you are skeptical because you are behind, when you google "UAP Disclosure act of 2023", you'll find that Chuck Schumer is very determined to pass some UAP Disclosure legislation that includes the phrase "non-human intelligence" 22 times, and "controlled disclosure campaign", and "legacy programs". If you put those three phrases together, it gives you a pretty decent idea of where all this is headed. Whatever your politics, remember that Schumer sponsored this as the most powerful Senator in the country

and perhaps one of the most pragmatic and shrewd legislators of the past century.

I served proudly, if unremarkably, in the 1st Cavalry Division at what was then called Fort Hood and is now Fort Cavazos. While I lack the impressive resumes and combat experience of these four, I was fortunate to have excellent leadership who, in my formative years of adulthood, fostered a culture of compassion for own and looking out for our brothers and sisters in arms, not just as warfighters but as human beings.

Even if we lack the influence to effect meaningful change individually, we can act as a collective to demonstrate that many other citizens with families and jobs who live with dignity, stand with those who had the courage to act unselfishly and in the best interest of we the people. They should not be the only ones bearing the weight of this revelation that could have profound implications for to our understanding of physics, the natural world, our place in the cosmos and what it means to be human.

We all took an oath to the Constitution and learned to take care of the men and women on our left and right. Perhaps it's time more veterans follow the example of Lue, Ryan, and the Davids by not only remembering these values, but acting on them.”

- Source [X post](#) ([backup](#))

January 8, 2025

- Location: [Naval Air Station Jacksonville](#) (NAS JAX/NAS Jacksonville)

- Summary: X post with video of a red-orb over JAS JAX: “Drones over NAS Jacksonville last night.” Also see this Dec. 10, 2024.
- Source: [X post with video \(backup\)](#), [previous Dec. 12 2024 press report \(backup\)](#)

January 8, 2025

- Location: Rhineland-Palatinate, a state in western Germany
- Summary: “Massive Drone Invasion Over Germany Raises Security Concerns”

A series of large, unidentified drones — some reportedly as big as a car — have been spotted flying over Germany’s Rhineland-Palatinate region since late 2024, sparking major security concerns. According to the local Interior Ministry and sources cited by the Bild tabloid, these drones, often seen near military facilities such as the U.S. Ramstein Air Base, may be part of Russia’s hybrid warfare strategy. Despite receiving around 100 reports of airspace violations in 2024, German authorities have not intercepted any of the aircraft. The situation has prompted calls for the federal government to urgently provide better technology to detect and neutralize potential drone threats. Similar drone sightings occurred last year above U.S. air bases in the United Kingdom, raising broader concerns about the security of Western military installations.

Note this state is the location of **Ramstein Air Base, Kaiserslautern Military Community (KMC), Spangdahlem Air Base, Baumholder Military Base**, secure munitions and storage facilities, and BASF SE.

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In Germany, unknown drones were spotted over the Rhineland-Palatinate at the end of 2024, but were not shot down or intercepted.

This was **reported** to the Bild tabloid by the Ministry of the Interior of this federal state and other informed sources.

Before Christmas 2024, a "massive invasion" of drones took place over Rhineland-Palatinate, with some of them allegedly flying near military facilities.

Bild does not specify which facilities are in question, but the Ramstein Air Base is located in the region.

The media have **already reported** the flight of unknown drones near it.

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Rheinland-Pfälzisches Innenministerium: „Teil einer hybriden Kriegsführung“



Spionage-Drohnen, besonders aus Russland, stellen in Deutschland eine große Gefahr dar (Symbolfoto)
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January 9, 2025

- Location: Mar-a-Lago, mentioned: drones “all over” Virginia, drones over nuclear reactors in Louisiana, drones “flying over” Wyoming infrastructure, drones over the largest naval base in the world, presumably Norfolk in Virginia
- Summary:

President Trump: “I’m going to give you a report on drones about one day into the administration because I think it’s ridiculous that they’re not telling you about what’s going on with the drones.”

On 1/9/2025, during President Trump’s “Grand Dinner” for GOP Governors at Mar-a-Lago, there was a discussion about drones and nuclear plants. Here’s a summary.

Trump Acknowledges Drone Incursions: He says drones have been “all over” certain areas, including near his Bedminster golf club in New Jersey.

He finds it “very strange that they aren’t talking about it,” implying the federal government knows more than it is revealing.

Governor Glenn Youngkin (Virginia) Reference (briefly mentioned as “Glenn”): Mentions that in Virginia “they have drones all over the place too” and that “nobody’s reporting it.”

Governor Jeff Landry (Louisiana) Reference: Speaks specifically about nuclear reactors in Louisiana.

While dealing with a terrorist attack in New Orleans, they “**had drones flying over our nuclear reactors.**”

He says they asked the FAA for authority to mitigate these drones, but it is still “sitting on some bureaucrat’s desk.”

Governor Mark Gordon (Wyoming) Reference: Says Wyoming is also seeing drones “flying over our infrastructure,” and that “nobody knows how to deal with them.”

Trump's Promise of Disclosure: Trump promises that on or shortly after January 21 (the day after Inauguration, in his hypothetical scenario), he will provide a report on what these drones are.

He hopes it is the U.S. government's own research/drone activity rather than an enemy, but he does not confirm.

Security Concerns & Digital Surveillance: Governors emphasize these drones pose national security concerns.

They are flying over "secure airspace" (including mention of the largest naval base in the world, presumably Norfolk in Virginia).

They see it as "digital surveillance" of critical infrastructure.

In short, the key detail is that Trump and multiple governors claim unidentified drones have been flying over nuclear sites, sensitive airspace, and large bases — and that the current (at that time) administration or relevant agencies have not been transparent about it.

- Source: [X post with video clip \(backup\)](#), [X post with video clip \(backup\)](#), [Full video](#), [NY Post \(backup\)](#)

January 9, 2025

- Location: [Prairie Island Nuclear Power Plant](#) (Red Wing or Welch, Minn.)
- Summary:

“Drones over Red Wing nuclear plant: Red Wing police say there were two drones flying over Prairie Island Nuclear Plant Wednesday evening. Police were not able to find who was flying the drones, and the incident is currently not under active investigation. Authorities say there is no active threat to the public.

RED WING, Minn. (FOX 9) — Two drones were spotted flying over the Prairie Island nuclear plant in Red Wing on Wednesday evening.

According to Red Wing police, just after 6:30 p.m., authorities received a complaint from the Prairie Island Nuclear Plant stating that four to five drones were flying around in the area.

When officers arrived, they found two drones flying around the nuclear plant.

Police say that officers monitored the drones until they flew away, and could no longer be seen in the area.

Officers were not able to find who was responsible for flying the drones. Red Wing police said they are not currently investigating the incident and there is no active threat to the public.

What we don't know: Police did not say who was flying the drones, or why they were flying them.”

- Source: Fox 9 KMSP (backup)

January 10, 2025

- Summary: The Hill, National Security->Opinion: “Some of these mysterious ‘drones’ are indeed UFOs and should be taken seriously”

In this opinion piece, author Marik von Rennenkampff highlights a series of perplexing “drone” incursions over highly sensitive military sites in both the United States and the United Kingdom. While some incidents may stem from espionage or adversarial intimidation, many remain unexplained and display flight characteristics well beyond conventional drone technology. These objects — which can hover silently, operate in adverse weather, evade detection, and even descend into the ocean — have prompted investigations at top levels of government.

1. Recent Incidents at Langley Air Force Base (2023)

- Bright, flashing objects repeatedly appeared for over two weeks, forcing nighttime training cancellations.
- Advanced U.S. aircraft and NASA resources were deployed yet failed to gather conclusive evidence.
- Senators Mark Warner (D-Va.), Tim Kaine (D-Va.), and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) expressed shock at the lack of answers after a year of investigation.

2. Parallel Events in the United Kingdom

- Similar swarms of brightly lit craft hovered over American military facilities, evading detection and countermeasures.

- These facilities are linked to U.S. nuclear weapon operations, raising significant security concerns.

3. 2019–2020 Swarms Over Nuclear Missile Fields

- Law enforcement in Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Kansas observed large “mothership” objects surrounded by numerous smaller ones.
- The craft operated silently for hours in extreme weather conditions — behavior inconsistent with typical drones.

4. U.S. Navy Warship Encounters

- Over months in 2019, swarms of unexplained objects maneuvered around Navy vessels far out at sea.
- In video recordings, spherical craft appear to move against strong winds and descend into the ocean without obvious propulsion systems.

5. Historical Precedents and Urgent Questions

- The author notes similar incidents around nuclear sites dating back to the mid-20th century.
- He raises the question of why an adversary would flaunt advanced stealth so overtly, suggesting these phenomena might be truly unknown technologies.
- In light of Congress’s rebranding of “UFOs” as “unidentified anomalous phenomena,” the author argues these sightings demand serious attention and investigation.

Ultimately, von Rennenkampff contends that until a prosaic drone explanation is definitively proven for these remarkable events, they must be treated as genuine UFOs and addressed as a matter of national security.

- Source: [The Hill](#) ([backup](#))

January 10, 2025

Location: Flemington, Hunterdon County, NJ

Summary: “NJ senator, county commissioner speak out about drones still being sighted in NJ”

John Lanza, Director of the Hunterdon County Commissioners made a statement: “Here we are at the local level, dealing with legitimate complaints, legitimate fears, and we can’t do a thing about it.”



Source: [News Press Now/WFMZ \(backup\)](#), [X post with media video](#)

January 11, 2025

- Location: over or near Entergy's River Bend nuclear power plant in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana
- Summary: "Governor says drones spotted over Louisiana nuclear power plant: Here's what we know", by Greg Hilburn (Shreveport Times).

Authorities in Louisiana are investigating multiple sightings of drones flying over or near the River Bend nuclear power plant in West Feliciana Parish. Governor Jeff Landry raised concerns during a dinner with President-elect Donald Trump, highlighting the potential risks and calling for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to grant states greater authority to mitigate such threats. The drones, some reportedly as large as five feet in diameter, were seen after dark and before 10 p.m. on unspecified nights, leaving officials and residents uneasy about their origin and intent.

Local officials, including Parish President Kenny Havard and Sheriff Brian Spillman, are coordinating with federal and state authorities to address the issue. Havard, who lives close to the plant, reported hearing sounds he believed to be drones and emphasized the urgency of identifying their source. Attorney General Liz Murrill reassured the public that state and local law enforcement have the authority to act if the drones pose a threat, regardless of federal aviation regulations.

The sightings come amid broader concerns about security, following a terrorist attack in New Orleans that prompted an emergency declaration. Governor Landry and local leaders expressed hope that the incoming federal administration will provide greater clarity and support in addressing the situation. However, for now, the drones remain a mystery, leaving officials and residents on edge.



Station River Bend

- Source: [Houma Today \(backup\)](#), [Shreveport Times \(backup\)](#)

January 12, 2025

- Location: Los Angeles, CA
- Summary: This article on the LA fires is **likely not related to the Mystery Drones**, but it does mention drones several times so I'm including it here.

(The word “drone” is now quite overloaded.)

“Evacuations soar in the San Fernando Valley, Brentwood as Palisades fire extends to Day 5”: “...Authorities Saturday also issued another advisory telling drone operators not to operate in fire areas.

Since the start of the Palisades fire, there have been 48 drone incursions as of Saturday evening, according to Kenichi Haskett, a public information officer for LA County Fire. In some instances, multiple drones have to be cleared. Each case of incursions leads to the mandatory grounding of all firefighting aircraft within the surrounding 1,000–5,000 acres for an average of 15–30 minutes.

On Thursday, Jan. 9, a Super Scooper firefighting plane was grounded after it collided with a drone illegally flying over the Palisades fire area. The aircraft, which can drop 1,600 gallons of water at a time and replenish its supply in five minutes, will likely be out of use for the remainder of the Palisades fire.

Operating drones is illegal when the Federal Aviation Administration issues Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs). The FAA has issued TFRs to the areas of Santa Monica and Altadena. Pilots who violate TFRs could face warnings, fines, or certificate suspensions or revocations.

“Drones pose a serious risk to firefighting & cause air operations to cease. When drones interfere w/ firefighting efforts, a wildfire has the potential to grow & cause more damage,” the LA County Fire Department posted on X...”

- Source: Pasadena-Star News (backup)

January 12, 2025

- Location: West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana
- Summary: Authorities in **West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana**, are investigating **mysterious drone sightings** reported since **December 24, 2024**. The **West Feliciana Sheriff's Office**, led by **Sheriff Brian Spillman**, has received multiple reports of **large drones, some up to five feet in diameter**, flying near **critical infrastructure**. Eyewitnesses, including deputies, observed **coordinated flights** of multiple drones at altitudes of **200 to over 500 feet**. The drones reportedly hover over specific areas for long periods before disappearing, with all sightings occurring **after dark**.

Sheriff Spillman emphasized that the drones are not believed to be hobbyist-operated **"Christmas toys"** and noted they violate **prohibited flight zones**. While no hostile intent has been detected, Spillman described the situation as **"very concerning"** and classified it as a **criminal violation**. The sheriff's office is collaborating with **local, state, and federal agencies** to identify the drones and their operators.

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Reported drone sightings in West Feliciana Parish under investigation

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BATON ROUGE, La. (BRPROUD) — Authorities in West Feliciana Parish are investigating a series of mysterious drone sightings reported over the past few weeks.

The West Feliciana Sheriff’s Office said it had received multiple reports of unidentified drones, some as large as five feet in diameter, flying near critical infrastructure beginning on Dec. 24.

Sheriff Brian Spillman confirmed that eyewitnesses also reported seeing multiple objects flying simultaneously, indicating that the flights may be coordinated.

“At this time, we have no reason to believe these sightings pose a threat to public safety. However, it’s very concerning, and we’re treating this as a criminal violation since they’ve been spotted over areas where drone flight is prohibited,” said Spillman.

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Spillman said the sheriff’s office is working with local, state and federal agencies to identify the drones and their operators.

“If these reports are accurate, these are not Christmas toys being operated by a hobbyist,” he said.

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Louisiana Attorney General Liz Murrill stated that federal law permits public safety officials to take necessary action to eliminate any threats, affirming her support for local authorities. The public is urged to report unusual activity or information to the **West Feliciana Dispatch Center** at **225-784-3136**.

- Source: [Louisiana First News \(backup\)](#), also see interview with West Feliciana Sheriff Brian Spillman: [WBRZ \(backup\)](#)

January 13, 2025

- Location: White House, Washington DC
- Summary: *Newsweek* - “Marjorie Taylor Greene Says Her Plane Rerouted Amid Drone Activity”



- Source: [Newsweek \(backup\)](#), [X Post \(backup\)](#)

January 13, 2025

- Summary: “Senator Tom Cotton, the Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman, says the Biden Administration can’t give him an explanation

for the recent drone activity. Cotton says he doesn't know much more than what's been publicly reported."



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Source: The Benny Show



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- Source: [The Benny Show clip on X \(backup\)](#)

January 13, 2025

- Location: **Manching, Bavaria, Germany** (a military security area and airfield), **Neuburg an der Donau, Bavaria, Germany** (another location where drone sightings were reported), **Bavaria, Germany** (the federal state where the incidents occurred)
- **Summary: Drone Flights Over Military Facilities in Bavaria: Investigations Underway**

Repeated drone flights over Bundeswehr military facilities in Manching and Neuburg an der Donau, Bavaria, have been reported. On Sunday alone, up to ten drones were sighted over the security area in Manching. Despite extensive search efforts, including police helicopters, no drone operators have been identified.

The Bavarian State Office of Criminal Investigation (LKA) and the Munich Public Prosecutor's Office have launched investigations on suspicion of activities compromising security through aerial imagery. Similar incidents were reported in December, including on Christmas Eve, but no suspects have been found.

Amid the context of Russia's war against Ukraine, authorities suspect the drones could be used for espionage on military facilities or defense companies. The LKA has called for witnesses to come forward with information regarding these incidents.

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Landeskriminalamt ermittelt wegen Drohnenflügen über Militärgelände

Die Behörden in Bayern suchen Verantwortliche, die Drohnen über Bundeswehreinrichtungen fliegen lassen. Allein am Sonntag haben Polizisten bis zu zehn Exemplare über dem militärischen Sicherheitsbereich in Manching gesichtet.

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Stützpunkt Manching (Symbolbild) Foto: Armin Weigel / picture alliance / dpa

Nach mehreren Drohnenflügen über militärische Einrichtungen der Bundeswehr in Manching und Neuburg an der Donau haben das bayerische Landeskriminalamt (LKA) und die Generalstaatsanwaltschaft München Ermittlungen eingeleitet. Allein am

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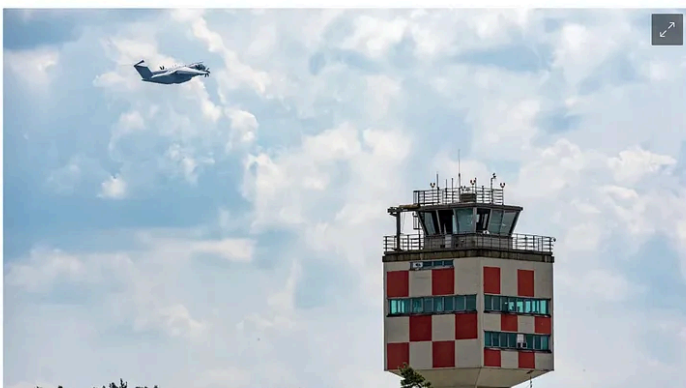
incidents in Bavaria

State Criminal Police Office investigates drone flights over military grounds

The authorities in Bavaria are looking for those responsible for flying drones over Bundeswehr facilities. On Sunday alone, police spotted up to ten drones over the military security area in Manching.

January 13, 2025, 3:03 p.m.

2 minutes



Manching base (symbolic image) Photo: Armin Weigel / picture alliance / dpa

After several drone flights over military facilities of the German Armed Forces in Manching and Neuburg an der Donau, the Bavarian State Criminal Police Office (LKA) and the Munich Public Prosecutor's Office have launched investigations. On Sunday alone, police

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- Source: [Spiegel](#) ([backup](#))

January 13, 2025

- Locations: Ramstein Airbase (Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany), Hamburg (Germany), Sweden, United Kingdom, Baltic States (region, including Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania), Port of Hamburg (Germany), Queen Elizabeth Aircraft Carrier (stationed in Hamburg at the time), Germany (general reference across multiple regions)

- Summary: “Germany Authorizes Military to Shoot Down Mysterious Drones — *Germany is giving its armed forces the ability to shoot down unidentified drones suspected of spying on military bases, industrial facilities and other critical infrastructure, according to people familiar with the matter.*”

Germany is granting its military authority to shoot down unidentified drones suspected of espionage or sabotage against critical infrastructure such as military bases, industrial facilities, and energy sites. This decision, part of an amendment to the Aviation Security Act, allows the military to intervene when drones pose serious threats. Previously, authorities relied on jamming transmitters, but advanced drone models have proven resistant to this technology.

Interior Minister Nancy Faeser and Defense Minister Boris Pistorius proposed the amendment following recent sightings of suspicious drones near sensitive areas. The drones are believed to be deployed by state actors, with suspicion falling on Russia and China, though no countries are explicitly named in the draft. In response to inquiries, China denied the accusations, and Russia has not commented.

Key incidents include sightings near the US airbase in Ramstein, where military drones flying at high speeds were observed. Other European countries, such as Sweden, the UK, and Baltic states, have reported similar activities near critical infrastructure. The amendment aims to strengthen Germany's ability to address these threats, which include military espionage related to Ukraine.

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Military aircraft on the runway at the airbase in Ramstein. PHOTO BY THOMAS LOHNES
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Chancellor Olaf Scholz's cabinet is expected to pass a draft amendment to the Aviation Security Act on Wednesday. That will enable the military to use force against unmanned aerial vehicles in order to prevent a serious accident or attack, said the people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity as the plan is not yet public. Authorities previously relied on jamming transmitters to disable drones, but certain recent models appeared to be resistant to the technology.

- Source: [Financial Post](#) ([backup](#))

January 13, 2025

- Location: Southold, Suffolk County, New York; Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York; Shelter Island, Suffolk County, New York; Laurel, Suffolk County, New York; Westhampton Beach, Suffolk County, New York; Orient, Suffolk County, New York; Mattituck, Suffolk County, New York; Cutchogue, Suffolk County, New York; North Haven, Suffolk County, New York; Sag Harbor, Suffolk County, New York; Long Beach, Nassau County, New York; Picatinny Arsenal, Morris County, New Jersey; Bedminster, Somerset County, New Jersey.
- Summary: "A closer look at eight weeks of mysterious drone sightings", by Chris Francescani

The article discusses a surge in mysterious nighttime drone sightings in the Northeast, primarily focused on Suffolk County, New York, over the past eight weeks. Key points include:

Locations and Events:

Multiple drone sightings reported on Long Island, including Southold, Riverhead, Shelter Island, Laurel, and the Francis Gabreski airport in Westhampton Beach.

Sightings included large, sedan-sized drones, with some observed hovering for hours or flying in zigzag patterns.

A North Haven resident counted seven drones on Christmas night.

Breaches of restricted airspace at Gabreski airport, the headquarters of the 106th Rescue Wing, raised safety concerns.

Timeline:

Sightings began mid-November 2024 in New Jersey, spreading to the tri-state area, with over 5,000 reports by January 2025.

On Dec. 13 and 14, drones were spotted in Southold and nearby areas.

Christmas night (Dec. 25), drones were seen hovering over North Haven and other locations.

On Jan. 3, county officials held a press conference urging federal assistance.

Government and Law Enforcement Responses:

FAA regulations require drones over 0.55 pounds to be registered and operators to be certified.

Suffolk County installed a DeDrone detection system at Gabreski airport, which uses sensors and AI to detect and track drones.

Nassau County Police authorized shooting down drones posing public threats, following an FAA temporary drone ban in parts of New York and New Jersey.

Public Statements:

Gov. Kathy Hochul acknowledged the sightings on Dec. 13, stating there's no evidence of public safety or national security threats.

Federal agencies including the FAA and DHS suggested most sightings are likely commercial, hobbyist, or law enforcement drones.

Concerns and Industry Commentary:

Experts, including AUVSI President Michael Robbins, emphasized the need for better airspace awareness technology to address gaps in drone regulation and monitoring.

Public safety concerns have been amplified due to the size and behavior of the drones.

Despite extensive reports, no drone operators have been identified or apprehended, leaving the phenomenon unresolved.

- Source: [Suffolk Times](#) ([backup](#))

January 13, 2025

- Location: [River Bend Station nuclear power site](#), West Feliciana parish LA
- Summary: “Gov. Landry on drones near Louisiana critical infrastructure: “The federal government has stonewalled us””.

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According to the sheriff, eyewitnesses, including his patrol deputies, have observed the flying objects at altitudes as low as 200 feet and up to over 500 feet. The suspected drones tend to hover over certain areas for extended periods and then disappear into the night. All reports to date have been at night.

Spillman said he is treating this as a threat to local critical infrastructure and has had conversations with Governor Jeff Landry and Attorney General **Liz Murrill** about involving all available state and national resources to defend West Feliciana from any possible threats to public safety.

Governor Landry was taking a hard-line stance on the mystery drone issue.

"We have worked to procure both detection and mitigation on these drones and have been stonewalled by the federal government," the governor said. "In fact, it is my appreciation that even the FBI is unable to mitigate drone threats in this country. We need answers now, and I intend to do everything in my power to get them."

- Source: [BossierNow \(backup\)](#), [BossierNow Substack \(backup\)](#), [The Advocate](#)

January 15, 2025

- Location: Fresno, CA
- Summary: Recent UFO sightings over Fresno, California, have sparked intrigue, with multiple incidents reported in the last week. One event involved a light captured early Friday morning by a FOX 26 tower camera at 4 a.m., hovering over downtown Fresno. Earl Grey Anderson of the Mutual UFO Network reviewed the footage, calling it an “interesting find” and stating, *“That one I would probably actually give an unknown classification to which is a UFO.”* He ruled out space launches and celestial phenomena, noting the light’s sudden, rapid movement: *“It wasn’t light speed or anything like that, but that was awfully fast.”*

On Tuesday afternoon, a private pilot reported an unidentified object near Highway 41 and Herndon at 3,000 feet, prompting a Fresno police helicopter to investigate. A second pilot later reported an object following him at 3,500 feet. The initial pilot added: *“I think I saw something over downtown about 3,500.”* The tower confirmed, *“You saw something over downtown at 3,500?”* to which the pilot replied, *“Correct. It looked like a white object.”*

From the article: “Shortly after, the tower contacted a Fresno police helicopter flying over the city to investigate a reported drone sighting near Highway 41 and Herndon, flying at approximately 3,000 feet. A second pilot reported an object following him at 3,500 feet. The initial pilot who alerted the tower called in again with another unusual sighting, miles away.”

Attempts to reach the FAA for more details on these sightings have been unsuccessful.

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Caught on camera: Mysterious orb spotted over Fresno, once again

by Mayra Franco | Fri, January 17th 2025 at 8:30 PM
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Caught on camera: Mysterious orb spotted over Fresno, once again. (Courtesy: Jeanette Herrera)



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It was just days ago when we reported on a [strange object in the sky](#) over Fresno.

Enough, even pilots reported it to the airport tower.

The following was heard, "Tower: You saw something over downtown at 3500? Pilot: Correct. It looked like a white object.

Tower: How long was this? Pilot: Just lost it right now."

- Source: [KMPH](#) ([backup](#))

January 17, 2025

- Location: 50 New Jersey towns
- Summary: “Drone no-fly zones expiring in 50 N.J. towns”

“The drone flight bans — put in place last month after worries about “mystery” drone sightings across the state — will begin expiring on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Federal Aviation Authority rolled out the restrictions between Dec. 18 and Dec. 30 for what it called “special security reasons.”

The agency said the bans “over critical New Jersey infrastructure” were implemented at the request of “federal security partners.”

The monthlong prohibition on drone flights over selected areas was announced amid the mysterious spate of reported drone sightings in New Jersey that touched off fear and speculation across the nation.

No formal explanation for the phenomenon has been offered by federal authorities. But FBI and federal officials said most of the sightings were actually planes, helicopters, stars and authorized drones that posed no threat to New Jersey.

The White House and the Pentagon have both said there was no national security risk or danger to the public, an assurance echoed by state and local lawmakers.

Federal authorities have also attempted to mothball the matter. But, President-elect Donald Trump said last week he plans to release a report on the drones after he takes office Monday.

A federal investigation of the drone sightings remains ongoing, with the FBI leading the probe, a spokesperson told NJ Advance Media this week.”

- Source: [nj.com](https://www.nj.com) ([backup](#))

January ~17, 2025

- Location: Baton Rouge, LA
- Summary: Lawmakers and experts in Louisiana met at the Capitol as part of the Louisiana Advanced Aviation and Drone Advisory Committee (LAADAC) to address gaps in state drone laws. The meeting followed recent drone incidents in California, New Jersey, and Louisiana, including one that caused a plane crash, increasing national concern. “There’s a heightened awareness of drone operations throughout the nation,” said Bradley Brandt, DOTD Office of Multimodal Commerce Aviation Director.
- The committee identified three key gaps:
 1. **Firefighter safety:** Proposing changes to Louisiana Revised Statute 14–327 to include drones in “obstructing a fireman” laws. “To add drones into that, so that’s what we’re offering up today, some language,” said R. George Rey Sr., President of UAS Gulf of Mexico Center of Excellence.

2. **Critical infrastructure protection:** Recommending countermeasures to protect facilities like nuclear power plants. “In the absence of the feds doing anything about drones flying over critical infrastructure... Louisiana will do something,” said Thomas Mule, GOHSEP Executive Officer of Security and Interoperability.
3. **Mitigation authority:** Advocating for state police to have power to track and take down drones through the proposed ‘We Will Act’ Act, even if it challenges federal law. “Although it will probably be challenged... let the argument begin,” Rey added.

The committee also passed a resolution for a public service campaign to educate the public on drone usage. “It’s really going to be a joint effort... to really get that information out to the general public on how drones should be operated,” Brandt said.

These recommendations will be included in a report for legislators to review.

- Source: [WBRZ](#) ([backup](#)), [The Advocate](#) ([backup](#)), [MSN](#) ([Shreveport Times](#))

January 21, 2025

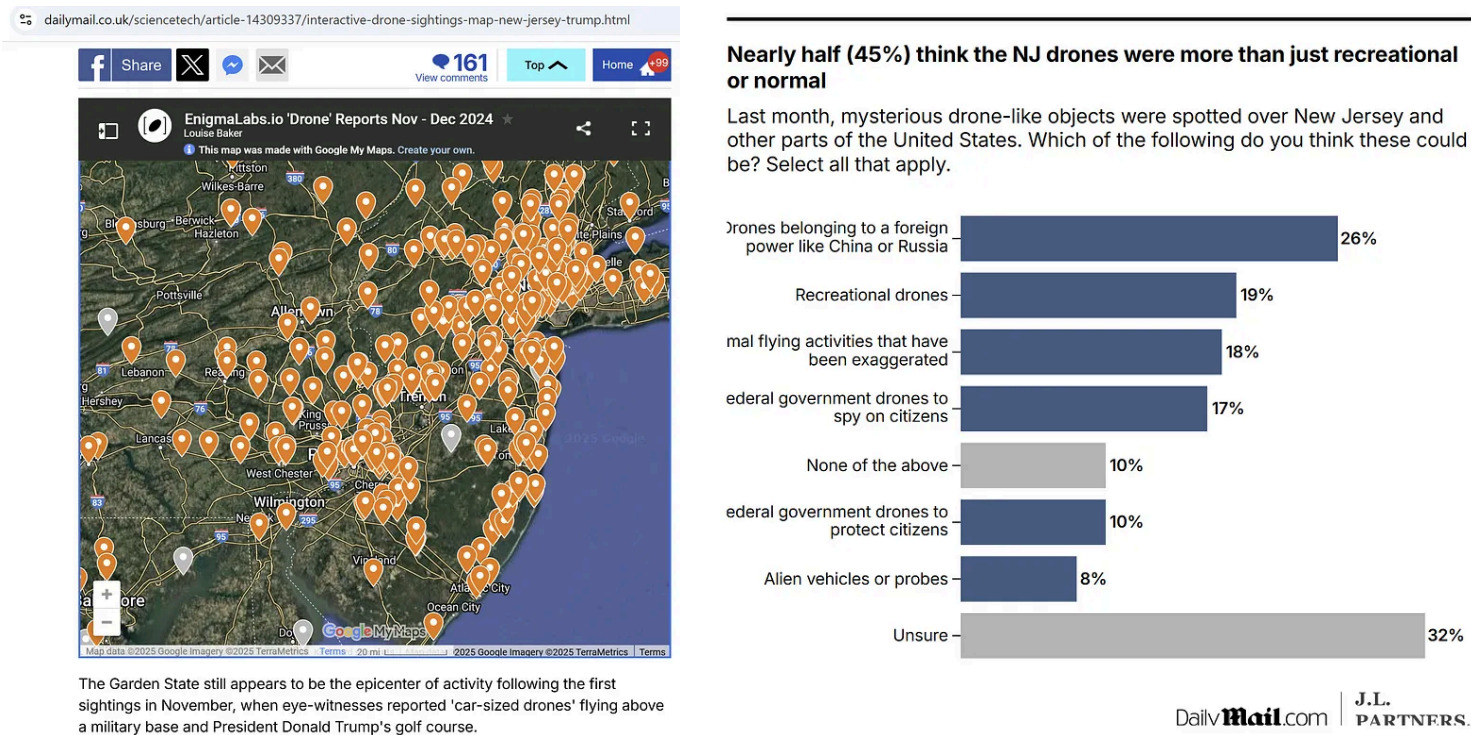
- Location: NJ, East Coast, US
- Summary: “New Jersey drones are BACK as interactive map shows activity ramping up... after Trump promised to release truth”

“The mysterious drones along the East Coast appeared in November, with 22 people issuing reports to Enigma starting on the 20th. But that number

dramatically increased to 347 by December 31.

A drone ban was issued from December 18 to January 17, during which Enigma labs said the average number of reported sightings dropped by 43 percent.

Now, new data shows 36 sightings were logged the week of January 1, and nearly half were spotted in New Jersey.”

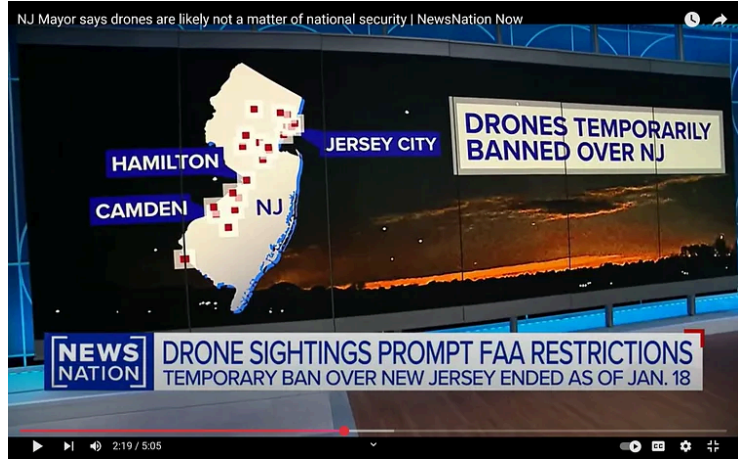


- Summary: “NJ Mayor says drones are likely not a matter of national security | NewsNation Now” — In this NewsNation broadcast, Belleville, New Jersey Mayor Michael Melham discusses persistent drone sightings in his township and nearby areas, raising concerns among residents. Melham describes the phenomenon as “absolutely some kind of phenomenon that’s happening just over our homes,” adding, “we need answers, and we need them quickly.”

The mayor references President Trump’s prior statements about unidentified aerial phenomena during his presidency and transition. He notes that Trump, despite receiving national intelligence briefings, had said, “I would like to find out what it is and tell the people.” Melham interprets this as an indication that the drones are likely not a matter of national security, stating, “More than likely, this is going to be our government or experimental drones that are up in the sky.”

Melham also describes watching footage with a videographer, showing drones that initially appeared as glowing orbs: “As you watch them right before your eyes, they seem to transform into a mechanical drone.” He questions whether they were always drones obscured by light or something else entirely.

While Melham remains confident in forthcoming government disclosure, he highlights the ambiguity in official statements: “They’ve been very specific at times. They’ve said things like, ‘It’s not our DOD. It’s not our Homeland Security.’ But they’re not saying it’s not a private contractor.” He concludes that the lack of direct action against the drones suggests they are domestic in origin, adding, “With a trillion-dollar military budget, [we] would be able to take these things out of the sky.”

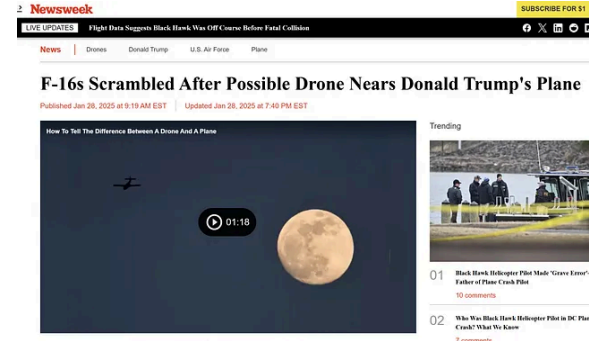
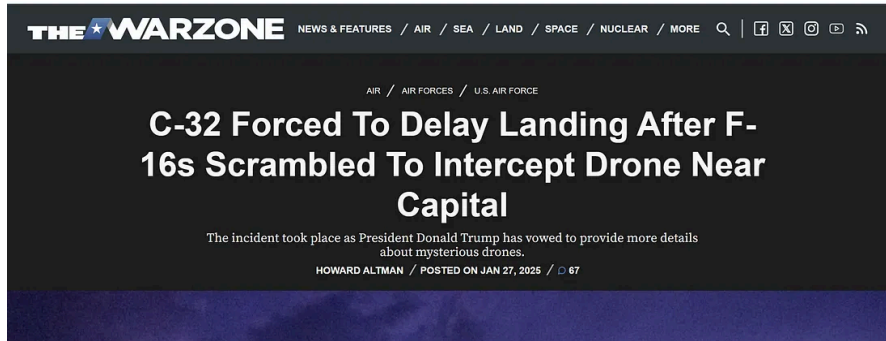


- Source: [YouTube](#)

January 27, 2025

- Location: Joint Base Andrews
- Summary: "C-32 Forced To Delay Landing After F-16s Scrambled To Intercept Drone Near Capital"

"A C-32A VIP transport jet on a special air mission (SAM) had to delay landing at Joint Base Andrews on Saturday because two U.S. Air National Guard F-16C Vipers and a U.S. Coast Guard MH-65 helicopter were scrambled to intercept a "potential drone" flying near the capital region, according to Air Traffic Control (ATC) audio posted online the internet. The object was observed over Freeway Airport located about 10 miles north of Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, according to that audio. The incident began around 8:30 p.m. Eastern time on Saturday."



- Source: [TWZ \(backup\)](#), [Newsweek \(backup\)](#)

January 29, 2025

- Location: various Wyoming counties, power plants and oil fields in Wyoming
- Summary: “Eight Wyoming Sheriffs Seeing Mystery Drones Still Have No Answers — The White House says the drones over New Jersey last year were authorized. But that doesn’t explain what multiple Wyoming sheriffs who reached out to Cowboy State Daily say they’re seeing over power plants and oil fields.”

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- Source: [CowboyStateDaily_\(Wyoming\)](#). ([backup](#))

January 29, 2025

- Location: Montgomery County OH and Mercer County OH, flying over farms and homes
- Summary: From X post: “Mysterious Drones Spotted Over Ohio — Mercer County Sheriff says drones are flying over farms and homes, increasing every night. FBI is working to determine the source.”

MSN: “Sheriff Doug Timmerman confirmed that his office is actively investigating the incidents and working closely with federal and local law enforcement to identify the origin and operators of the drones.

According to Sheriff Timmerman, the Mercer County Sheriff's Office is collaborating with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the FBI, and local law enforcement in nearby counties, including those across the Indiana border. Despite these efforts, the purpose of the drones and their operators remains unknown.

“Our office is aware of the significant number of drone sightings, and we are taking this matter seriously,” said Sheriff Timmerman in a statement. “We are committed to identifying who is behind these flights and ensuring the safety of our community.”

The Sheriff's Office is calling on Mercer County residents to assist in the investigation by sharing any information or video footage of the drones. Citizens who capture footage are encouraged to submit it via the Mercer Sheriff Facebook page and provide the specific location where the video was taken. “For safety reasons, we strongly advise against trying to confront or follow these drones,” the Sheriff's Office said.”



- Source: [X Post of video from News Center 7 \(backup\)](#), [MSN \(backup\)](#)

January 31, 2025

- Location: FORT WAYNE, Ind.
- Summary: “Indiana Department of Homeland Security reports unidentified drone activity in 21Country” — “FORT WAYNE, Ind. (WPTA) — The Indiana Department of Homeland Security reported an increase in unidentified drone sightings in northeast Indiana.

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it too high to see? Did it have its red and green lights on, did it have its white anti-collision lights?” Beier said.

He explained that local offices don’t have jurisdiction over the airspace, so they play a supportive role to the Federal Aviation Administration by collecting relevant data and relaying it to federal agencies.

According to Beier, Allen County has only had two reported sightings recently, both of which were confirmed to be non-suspicious.

He says citizen reports are a big part of collecting data on these aircraft, but there’s a right way to go about it.”



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By [Eddie Reksiedler](#)

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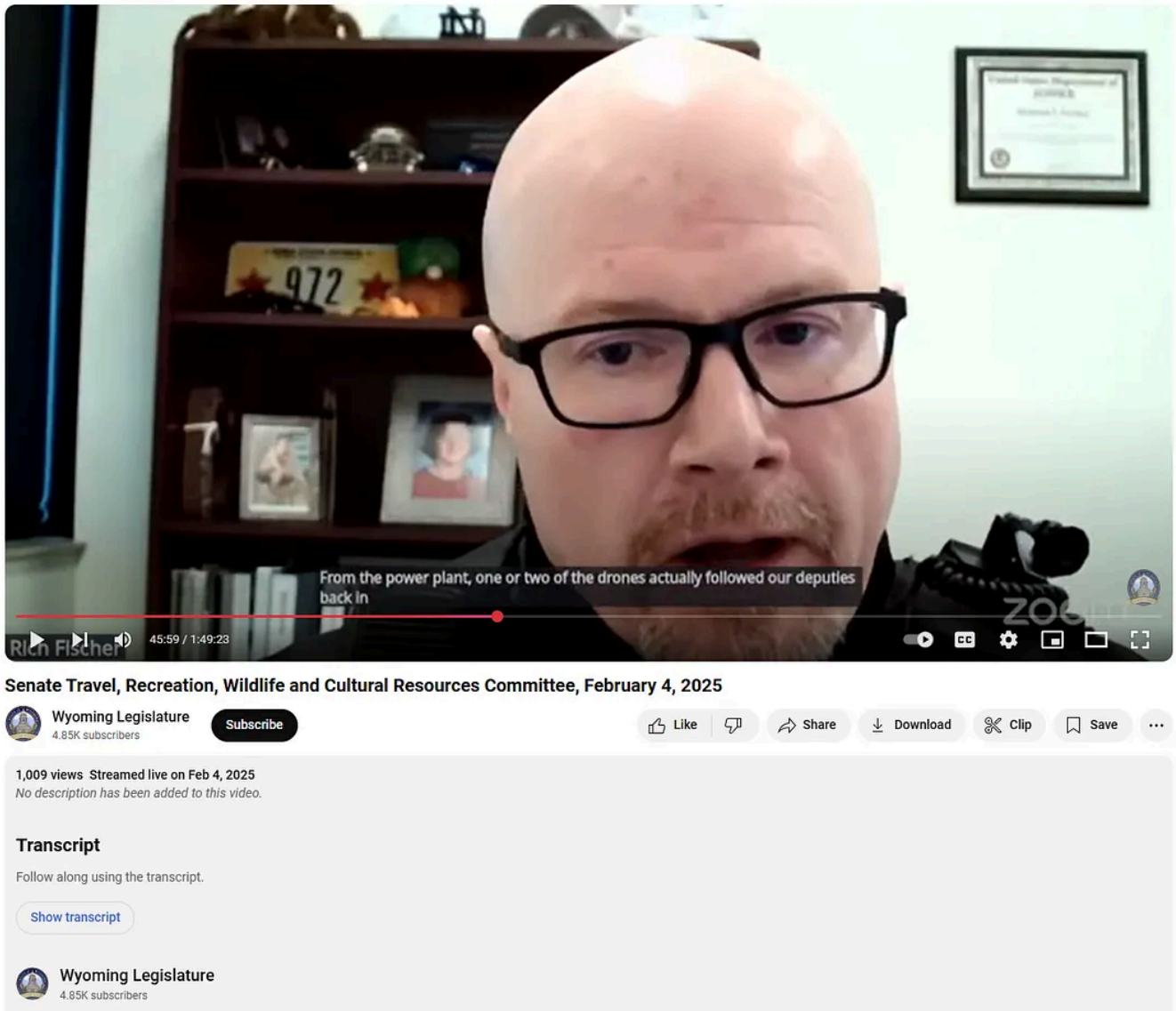
- Source: [21 Alive News](#) ([backup](#))

Feb. 4, 2025

- Location: Sweetwater County, Wyoming
- Summary: The **Lieutenant from the Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office** testified that deputies who had responded to investigate the drones over critical infrastructure were **followed by drones** as they drove back to their **Justice Center and Detention Facility** in Rock Springs.

The deputies had initially gone out to **photograph or identify the drones** and their operators but were **unsuccessful**. On their way back to Rock Springs from the **power plant**, **one or two of the drones followed them** the entire **30-mile** journey to their **Justice Center**. Once they arrived at the **detention facility**, the drones **departed the area**.

The lieutenant highlighted this incident as **evidence of the drones' capabilities**, raising concerns about their operators, intent, and potential threats.



- Source: Wyoming Legislator YouTube Video: “Senate Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resources Committee, February 4, 2025”, X Post (backup)

Feb. 7, 2025

- Location: Washington DC (assumption), Naval Weapons Station Earle, NJ
- Summary: EXCLUSIVE — Rep. Chris Smith on UAP swarms: “one went down, we’re told, over Langley”

Except of an audio interview with Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) — Foreign Affairs Committee:

Smith: “And that was the disappointment, with all due respect to the previous administration — because the guidance to them was, ‘if it’s over your parameter, you can do something’ and then we had it over their parameter!” Smith recounts. “At [Naval Weapons Station] Earle, we had two!”

Ask a Pol: Yeah?

Smith: “Right over the perimeter! One landed. They rushed over and it had already taken off again,” Smith says through disbelieving laughter. “It’s like, are you kidding me? It’s a munitions depot!”

- Source: [Ask a Pol uaps](#) ([backup](#))

Feb. 9, 2025

- Location: An air force base near Husum in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany
- Summary: Drones Spotted Over German Air Base, Suspected Espionage Investigated

In January 2025, multiple sightings of highly specialized drones were reported over a Bundeswehr air base in Schwesing, Schleswig-Holstein. According to a classified report cited by *Süddeutsche Zeitung* (SZ), six security incidents occurred between January 9 and 29, prompting an investigation by

the German Ministry of Defense on suspicion of espionage. The Schleswig-Holstein State Criminal Police Office has taken over the case.

The base is home to an anti-aircraft missile training center where Ukrainian soldiers are trained on “Patriot” systems. **The drones, described as professional multi-wing aircraft, hovered for extended periods with their lights on. Attempts to jam or divert them were unsuccessful, suggesting they were not commercially available models. The drone operators remain unidentified,** but officials suspect they may have been launched from ships in the North or Baltic Sea.

Drones have been increasingly spotted over German military and critical infrastructure sites, particularly since the start of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Notable recent incidents include sightings over industrial and petrochemical plants, as well as the U.S. military airfield in Ramstein. In response, Interior Minister Nancy Faeser has warned of drones as potential tools for espionage and sabotage. The German government is working on legislation to expand the Bundeswehr’s authority to shoot down unauthorized drones, though it is uncertain if the law will pass before the next general election.

Note these screenshots are for the English translation of the original pages.

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Alleged espionage

Drones spotted over air base

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In January, drones were spotted over an air force base in Schleswig-Holstein. They were said to be highly specialized. According to a report, the Ministry of Defense is investigating on suspicion of espionage.

An air force base near Husum in Schleswig-Holstein has become the target of a suspected espionage attempt using drones. A spokeswoman for the Bundeswehr's Operational Command in Berlin confirmed to the AFP news agency that "a large number of drone sightings were seen at the Bundeswehr base in Schwesing in January." The Süddeutsche Zeitung (SZ) had previously reported on this.

From January 9 to 29, there were "six security incidents" involving professional drones of unknown origin at the base in Schwesing near Husum, the SZ newspaper quoted from a classified situation report to the Federal Ministry of Defense. "Investigations are underway on suspicion of espionage," the internal report states.

According to the Bundeswehr spokeswoman in Potsdam, further investigations have been handed over to the Schleswig-Holstein State Criminal Police Office.

The anti-aircraft missile training center is located in Schwesing, Schleswig-Holstein. Ukrainian soldiers are also trained there on "Patriot" systems.



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Apparently several drones were sighted over the Schwesing air base in Schleswig-Holstein in January.

Drones could not be repelled

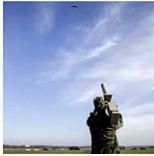
According to the SZ, particularly professional drones were apparently used in the alleged espionage attempt. "The multi-wing aircraft seen hovered in place for minutes with their position lights on," the paper quoted from the situation report.

However, attempts to use jammers and other devices to divert the drones from their course or force them to land were unsuccessful. Due to the ineffectiveness of the defensive measures, it can be assumed that these were not commercially available drones, but rather specialized ones. "In none of the six cases could the drone operator be located," the SZ quotes from the situation report.

Suspected launch of ships

Military police, police and the Military Counterintelligence Service (MAD) were involved. In addition, further detection and jamming systems have now been moved to the site. According to the newspaper, Bundeswehr circles have expressed the suspicion that the drones could have been sent from ships in the North or Baltic Sea.

"In general," the "number of reports of drone sightings and alleged spying attempts" has increased in the recent past, explained the spokeswoman in Potsdam. However, a reliable attribution is generally difficult because, among other things, commercially available drone systems are also freely sold.



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critical infrastructure
New drone flights alarm authorities
Since the end of November, suspicious drone flights have apparently been detected over industrial facilities and the US base in Ramstein. | more

Several sightings in recent months

Since the start of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine almost three years ago, drones have been increasingly sighted over Bundeswehr locations. In recent months, there have also been several sightings of drones in locations with sensitive infrastructure. In August 2024, drones were detected over an industrial area in Brunsbüttel, Schleswig-Holstein. This was followed by sightings at petrochemical plants in southern Germany and over the US military airfield Ramstein in Rhineland-Palatinate.

- Source: [Tagesschau](#) ([backup](#))

February 12, 2025

- Location: USAF Plant 42 and Palmdale Regional Airport, California
- Summary: "Newly Obtained USAF Reports Expose Drone Breaches at Plant 42, Home to B-21 Raider and Other Top Secret Programs, Sparking Espionage Concerns", Written by Kyle Warfel and Christopher Sharp

"Newly obtained documentation from the United States Air Force (USAF), acquired by Liberation Times, reveals seven recorded instances of drone

incursions over USAF Plant 42 and Palmdale Regional Airport, California, between 2 August and 9 August 2024.”

- Source: [The Liberation Times](#) ([backup](#))

February 13, 2025

- Location: Ohio, Wright-Patterson AFB, other locations in Ohio (Mercer, Darke, Van Wert Counties)
- Summary: “**Sen. Bernie Moreno asks Trump Administration to investigate drone sightings in Ohio**”

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Dear Secretaries Duffy and Noem:

Congratulations on your respective confirmations. I look forward to working with you to enact President Trump's policy agenda and stand ready to assist in whatever way possible.

Recently, significant numbers of Ohioans, specifically in Mercer, Darke, and Van Wert Counties, have alerted my office to the alarming number of drone sightings that have occupied airspace over their properties. Equally concerning is the lack of clarity from federal authorities about what might be prompting these sightings. These constituents, which include local sheriffs, contacted the Federal Aviation Administration to request information and assistance with this dramatic increase in drone presence. Unfortunately, they have yet to receive a satisfactory response.

In some cases, my constituents noted that the drones were the size of a picnic table or hot tubs and flying as low as 100 feet and at speeds of up to 80 miles per hours.¹ State and local law enforcement needs assistance from your agencies to help address these pervasive drones. Ohioans have a right to be concerned. Even worse, in December 2024, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, an incredibly important base, was forced to close the airspace for about four hours because of drone sightings around the base.² This issue must be addressed immediately.

Please respond with the answers to the following questions within seven business days of receipt of this letter:

- How can your agencies assist state and local law enforcement with identifying whether a drone is approved to fly over airspace and by which federal agency?
- Will you commit to informing state and local law enforcement when your agencies authorize the presence of drones in their airspace, prior to their entry into the airspace?

¹ Marcus Truscio, wane.com, *Northeast Indiana & northwest Ohio counties report hundreds of drone sightings* (Jan. 30, 2025), <https://www.wane.com/top-stories/the-size-of-hot-tubs-northeast-indiana-northwest-ohio-counties-report-hundreds-of-drone-sightings/>.

² Brad Lendon and Hanna Park, CNN, *Key US Air Force base closes airspace amid drone sightings* (Dec. 16, 2024), <https://www.cnn.com/2024/12/16/us/us-air-force-base-closes-airspace-drone-sightings-hnk/index.html>.

- What federal grants exist in your agencies to assist state and local law enforcement to procure new technology to identify, monitor, and combat unauthorized drones?
- Are your agencies formally tracking the number of unauthorized drone sightings across the country? If not, will you do so?
- Will you commit to transparent communicating to the American public the number and location of unauthorized drone sightings reported to and known by your agencies?
- Do you believe we need legislation to provide clarity on the rights of homeowners when a drone is flown over their property?

If you have any follow-up questions, please feel free to contact Rob Van Kirk on my staff at @moreno.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



BERNIE MORENO
United States Senator

- Source: [WSYX](#) ([backup](#)), [PDF link](#)

February 14, 2025

- Location: Washington DC
- Summary: “Press Release — NORTHCOM Commander confirms mysterious drones may have been operated with nefarious intentions — NORTHCOM Commander confirms mysterious drones may have been operated with nefarious intentions

At a hearing this week before the Senate Armed Services Committee, the top general for all air defenses for the continental United States and Canada expressed concerns about the origin and purpose of swarms of drones that have been reported across the country, including over New Jersey's military facilities and power infrastructure.

“The General's comments provide further proof that the Biden national security team was dismissive and downplayed the risks presented by the mystery drones spotted all over New Jersey, especially those that flew over sensitive sites within my own district, such as Naval Weapons Station Earle,” said Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ), who has led an effort to get additional information about the drones and has offered legislation to empower highly trained state law enforcement units to detect and stop drones engaged in unlawful activities.

“The near constant drone sightings were met with no serious response from the Biden administration, who ignored or refuted New Jersey residents who expressed well-founded concerns about flights going directly over their homes, families, and critical infrastructure.”

On Thursday, at a hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee in Washington, U.S. Air Force Gen. Gregory M. Guillot, commander of NORTHCOM and NORAD, said, “The primary threat I see for them in the way they've been operating is detection, and perhaps surveillance, of sensitive capabilities on our installations.” The four-star general then noted the threat was widespread, reporting, “there were 350 detections reported last year on military installations, and that was 350 over a total of 100 different installations of all types and levels of security.”

“The Biden administration completely ignored many credible reports, including from our men and women in uniform,” Smith said. “I was briefed by a Coast Guard Commanding Officer who told me more than a dozen in formation followed a 47-ft rescue boat as it made maneuvers along the coast. When I reported the incident on media outlets such as Fox News and NewsNation, Biden National Security Communications Adviser John Kirby claimed it was commercial airlines preparing to land at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

Kirby also said, “We’ve done the detection, then the analysis. We’ve corroborated the sightings. And in every case that we have examined to date, we have seen nothing, nothing that indicates a public safety risk.”

Smith added, “Clearly, Kirby was intentionally trying to mislead the public on this issue. I heard repeatedly from the commanders of affected installations that they did not have the authority to take down one of these drones. It is no shock to me that a Department of Defense led by former Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and employing someone like John Kirby would fail to act against such a serious threat.

“I am confident President Trump and Secretary Pete Hegseth, who lived in my district, will do everything they can to empower our commanders to respond to this serious threat at bases and other critical infrastructure around the country. The acknowledgement of the seriousness of this problem by General Guillot is an excellent step in the right direction.””

- Source: US Congressman Chris Smith’s website (backup)

February 22, 2025

- Location: UK
- Summary: “Tom Tugenhat calls for investigation into US air base drones — A former security minister has called for an “urgent investigation” into unidentified drone activity over RAF Mildenhall and RAF Lakenheath which have been reportedly linked to Russia.

Tom Tugenhat, MP for Tonbridge, has warned against Russian linked “sabotage attacks” across Europe after the drone activity across the region last year.

During the course of November last year, a number of identified drones were spotted over RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall in Suffolk and RAF Feltwell in Norfolk.

All of these air bases are home to members of the United States Air Force (USAF), who brought in 60 British troops to aid in their investigation into the activity.

An investigation from the i newspaper has uncovered evidence that three individuals, with two posing as fruit pickers, have alleged links to the Kremlin. ...”

Tom Tugenhat calls for investigation into US air base drones

22nd February

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Former security minister Tom Tugenhat has called for an "urgent investigation" after Russian links to drone activity over RAF Mildenhall and RAF Lakenheath (Image: Newsquest)



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February 24, 2025

- Location: sensitive areas around Wyoming, Jim Bridger Power Plant (2441.9 MW, coal fired) and other locations in Sweetwater County
- Summary: “Bill That Attempts To Stop Mystery Drones From Flying Over Sensitive Areas Moves Forward — A bill that would attempt to stop mystery drones from flying over sensitive areas around Wyoming is nearing the finish line. Meanwhile, a state House committee heard Monday that giant SUV-sized drones are still being spotted.”



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Drones have been reported flying over the Jim Bridger Power Plant, usually at about 2 or 3 a.m. (Matt Idler for Cowboy State Daily; Inset via Getty Images)

Mystery drones the size of SUVs continue to fly over the Jim Bridger Power Plant and other locations in Sweetwater County, with no hint so far about what their purpose may be, according to Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office.

Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office's Lt. Rich Fischer told lawmakers on the House Minerals, Business and Economic Development Committee that the most recent such flight was Feb. 10, during discussion Monday of Senate File 132.

The bill, which has already passed the Senate, seeks to give law enforcement officials and the Wyoming National Guard the power to do more than just observe suspicious drones flying overhead.

They would be authorized to take steps against drones of a suspicious nature that fly over areas the state designated as critical infrastructure.

As Large As A Car

The drones are as large as a car or small SUV, Fischer said, not at all like what an ordinary user might purchase from Walmart or Amazon. Nor are these drones flying at times most local residents would be likely to operate a drone. It's usually 2 or 3 a.m.

"We don't know what they are or who is piloting them," Fischer said. "They did have lights, and were varying in altitude with rapid descent, rapid increase in altitude."

Fischer said attempts to find an operator by scouting the area were unsuccessful.

- Source: [Cowboy State Daily](#) ([backup](#))

February 26, 2025

- Location: Washington, DC
- Summary: “Shift in Perspective: NJ’s ‘Friendly’ Drone Activity Reassessed”

U.S. Air Force Gen. Gregory M. Guillot, head of NORTHCOM and NORAD, confirmed that unidentified drones have been conducting surveillance over military installations in New Jersey and other states, raising national security concerns. During a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on February 13, 2025, Guillot stated, “military installations in New Jersey, especially in Ocean and Monmouth counties, and essential infrastructure have been subjected to surveillance.” He reported “over 350 detections over military installations last year spanning 100 different sites.”

New Jersey lawmakers, including Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ), have been vocal about the drone incursions, particularly over Naval Weapons Station Earle. Smith criticized the previous administration for dismissing concerns, quoting former National Security Communications Adviser John Kirby, who in December 2024 stated, “We’ve done the detection, then the analysis... And in every case that we have examined to date, we have seen nothing, nothing that indicates a public safety risk.” Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas similarly asserted, “We haven’t seen anything unusual.”

However, Guillot’s acknowledgment and a December 2024 report from the NJ Coast Guard detailing a swarm of drones following a 47-foot rescue boat have intensified security discussions. Rep. Smith introduced the **LANDED — Law**

Against Nefarious Drones, Enforcement, and Deconfliction Act, granting state law enforcement power to detect and stop illicit drone activity, drafted with input from Monmouth County Sheriff Golden and Ocean County Sheriff Mastronardy.

With advancing drone technology and no existing state or federal laws addressing these threats, lawmakers push for stronger countermeasures to safeguard critical U.S. infrastructure.

- Source: [TAPinfo Long Branch](#) ([backup](#))

April 1, 2025

- Location: Wright-Patterson AFB
- Summary: “NEW: Insider Accounts Detail How Diamond-Formation Drone Swarm Evaded Detection, Triggering Wright-Patterson Airspace Shutdown — Liberation Times has obtained witness statements from personnel at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, revealing that ‘drones’ flying in a diamond formation — while evading counter-drone detection systems — prompted the closure of the base’s airspace in December 2024.”

Insider Accounts Detail How Diamond-Formation Drone Swarm Evaded Detection, Triggering Wright-Patterson Airspace Shutdown



Written by Kyle Warfel and Christopher Sharp - 16 April 2025

Liberation Times has obtained witness statements from personnel at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, revealing that 'drones' flying in a diamond formation—while evading counter-drone detection systems—prompted the closure of the base's airspace in December 2024.

Through a Freedom of Information Act request, the United States Air Force (USAF) released two witness statements and one incident report to Liberation Times from base personnel and 88th Security Forces Squadron members, responsible for guarding Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

The incident report, which lists seven members of the 88th Security Forces Squadron, one Major General and one Brigadier General, shows how events unfolded on the night of 13 December 2024.

First Drone Sighted After 10 pm

The report describes how an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) was observed hovering near the Hot Cargo Pads before flying towards the base's West Ramp at 2208 hours.

It further notes that the device was ***'black, with four (4) propellers, was roughly 6 inches in size, and had alternating red and green lights.'***

The report then adds how the UAS flew over ***'Fire Station #2 at roughly 20 feet in the air'***, before visual

AI summary of article: “In December 2024, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio experienced a significant security breach involving a group of small

drones flying in a diamond formation. Witnesses from the 88th Security Forces Squadron reported multiple quadcopter-style drones with red and green lights operating within the base's restricted airspace. These drones evaded detection by the USAF's NINJA counter-drone system, prompting a full airspace shutdown at 10:30 PM on December 13.

Despite visual sightings, radar and detection systems failed to register the objects. Witnesses also experienced radio interference while attempting to track the drones, which reacted by changing altitude and fleeing when illuminated by vehicle spotlights.

This incident mirrors previous drone incursions over other U.S. military installations — such as Langley AFB and RAF Lakenheath — suggesting the drones may have advanced stealth capabilities. No perpetrators have been identified, and investigations by the FBI, DoD, and FAA have yielded no conclusive results.

In January 2025, a policy brief recommended creating a White House advisor to address threats from both advanced drones and Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP), collectively termed Emerging All-Domain Technologies (EADT). The incident has raised serious concerns about U.S. airspace security, especially around strategic military and nuclear sites.”

A statement within one of the FOIA'd releases:

STATEMENT

On December 13th 2024, at around 22081, STA (b) (6), (b) (7)(B), (b) (7)(C) spotted, what looked to be a black small sized quad-copter drone, with flashing red and green lights flying at a rapid speed towards fire station #2 on the west ramp. I contacted BDOC using my issued mobile radio and relayed information regarding a drone flying at rapid speed. I began to chase the drone off the west ramp unto Mitchell drive, heading towards the family RV Camp. The drone slowed down and headed west bound over the tree line and I lost sight of it. I then swept the area looking for a drone operator with negative findings, I decided to sweep towards the boy scout camp and when I looked in my rear view mirror. I saw blinking green and red lights coming in my general direction approximately over the munitions site. I turned the vehicle around and sped to its location, when I got close around 110 feet. I saw four quad-copter drones with red and green lights in a tight diamond formation, I used my cars spotlight system and placed the light on the quad-copters, when I illuminated the drones, it then lowered in altitude, gained altitude and flew away at a rapid speed and I lost sight of the drones, I contacted BDOC again with mobile radio describing the events and continued to sweep the area with negative results. During the course of following the drones, I noticed significant loss in radio strength and was delayed in giving communication until the drone was a about 250 feet away. I returned to Bldg. 10295 at 0103 and gave a all crucial information to my superiors. //End of Statement//

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What are your thoughts?



Danny Stoppenbach

Jan 5



Thanks Richard for taking the time to compile all this data. This is one very strange, ongoing event, and I sure hope we actually get the truth. I've been following all things of this nature for nearly my whole life. I began at age 9 in 1968 and I'm... [more](#)



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Thank you for compiling all this data and putting it in one place. This must have taken you a long time. I appreciate all the links to sources and in such a concise format as well. Fantastic! This is the sort of information we should be trying to... [more](#)



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